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“Remember Pearl Harbor”



DECATUR JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

To You

Who have gone forth from this school--to you

and the many millions more

Who fight for the

Ideals of Democracy

Do we dedicate this publication

THE KID HAS GONE TO THE COLORS

The Kid has gone to the Colors
And we don't know what to say:
The Kid we have loved and cuddled
Stepped out for the Flag today.
We thought him a child, a baby
With never a care at all,
But his country called him man-size
And the Kid has heard the call.

He paused to watch the recruiting,
Where, fired by fife and drum,
He bowed his head to Old Glory
And thought that it whispered: "Come!"
The Kid, not being a slacker,
Stood forth with patriot-joy
To add his name to the roster—
And God, we're proud of the boy!

The Kid has gone to the Colors;
It seems but a little while
Since he drilled a schoolboy army
In a truly martial style.
But now he's a man, a soldier,
And we lend him a listening ear,
For his heart is a heart all loyal,
Unscourged by the curse of fear.

His dad, when he told him, shuddered,
His mother—God bless her!—cried;
Yet, blest with a mother-nature,
She wept with a mother-pride.
But he whose old shoulders straightened
Was Granddad—for memory ran
To years when he, too, a youngster,
Was changed by the Flag to a man!

W. M. Herschell.



TO THE MEN AND WOMEN OF D. H. S.
IN THE SERVICE OF OUR COUNTRY



Mar. 26, 1943

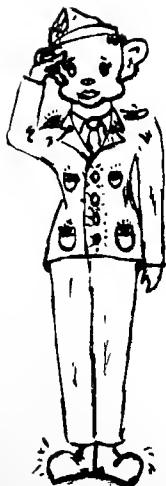
United States Army
Air Corps.



Enlisted April 23, 1943

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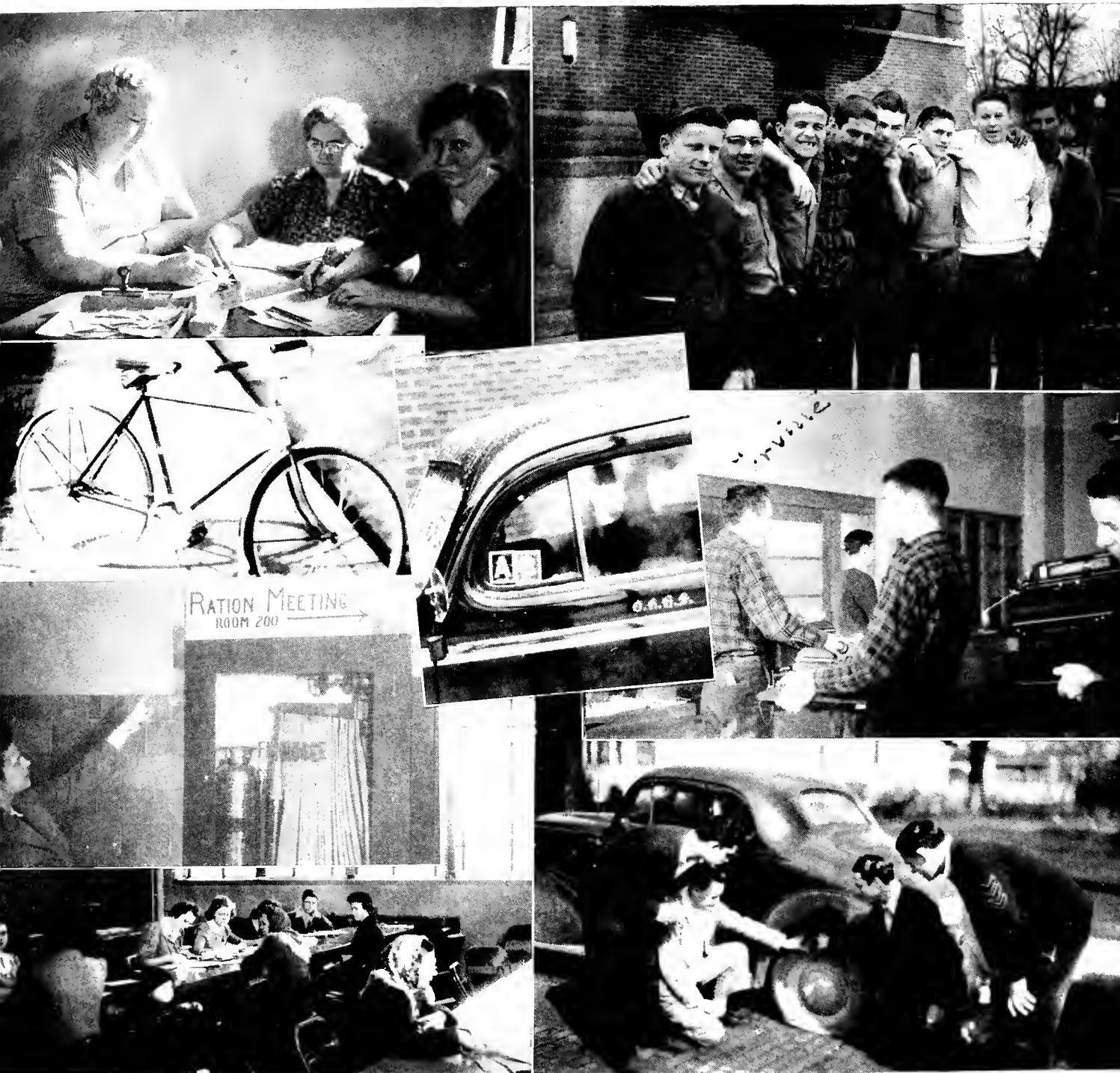


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Ration process workers. Some of the gang engaged in defense work. The substitute for the car. The good old A and B stickers. Our typewriters go to war. Get your ration books in room 200. How much canned food do you possess? Oh, my gosh! A flat!

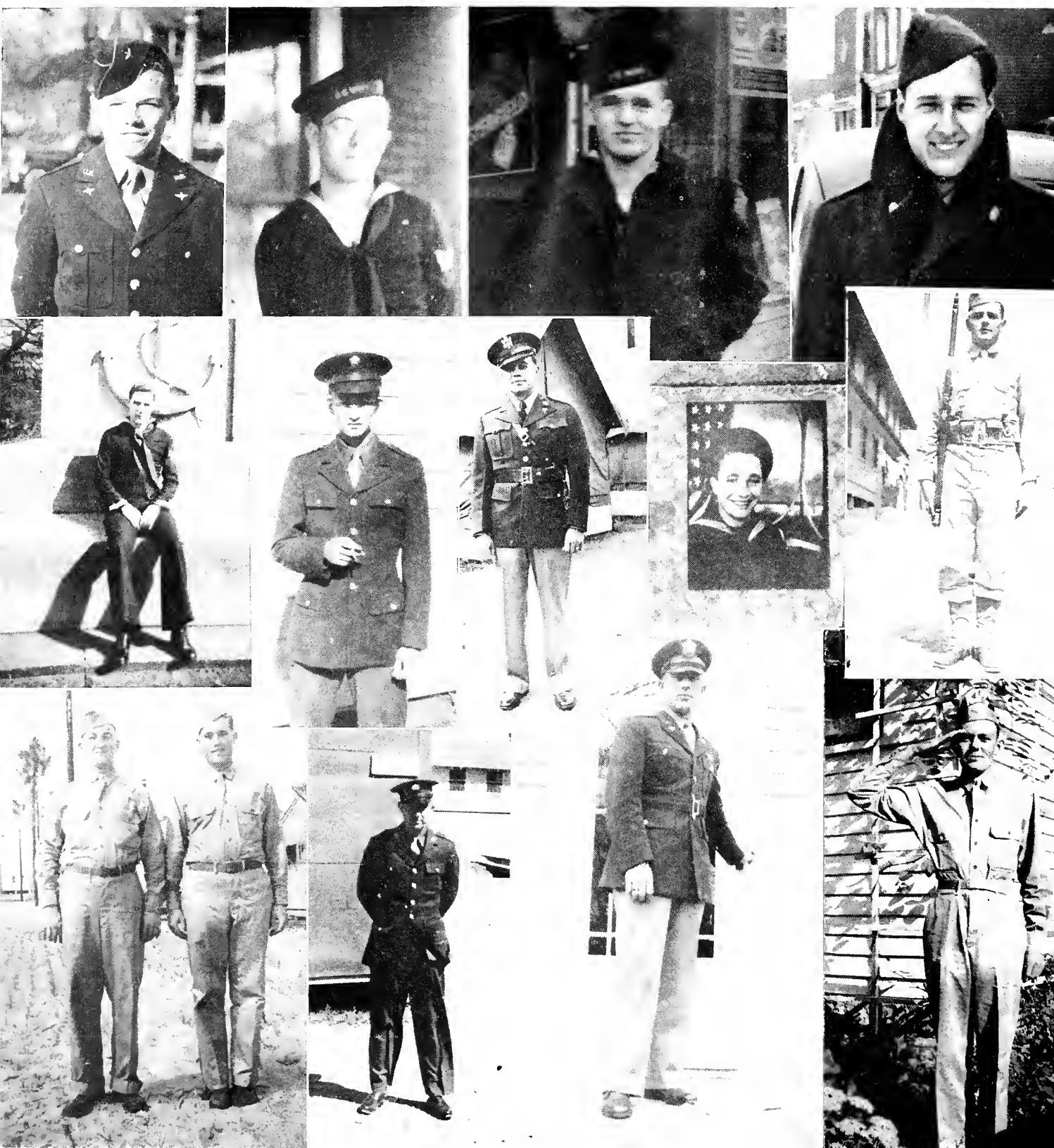
AS YOU KNOW

RATION
STORE



Visit the ration points store. We scrap our bells for metal salvage. The cannon roars again. Maybe this old tire will do. A tire A tire! Commandos "going to it." Hardly an auto in sight these days. Buy a stamp and take a smack at Hitler!

THIS IS WAR



Miles Jones, Charles McGill, William Fisher, Kenneth Gaunt.
William Brown, Richard Hammond, Dr. Zwick, Ted Eady, Joe Hazelwood.
Arthur Merriman and Fred Hoffman, Wendell Smith, Vaughn Liniger, Robert Owens.

OLD GRADS!



John McConnell, Robert Frisinger, Jack Eady, Ned Johnson and unidentified soldier.
William Spahr, Max Odle, LaVere Hakey, Robert Hammond, Lawrence Fuelling, Paul Lord.
Louis Koldewey, James Krick, Robert Koenemann, Jay Alton.

WHERE ARE YOU NOW?



Iverna Werling
Secretary to Supt.

R. E. Mumma
President

W. J. Krick
Superintendent

C. C. Pumphrey
Treasurer

G. Cole
Secretary

SCHOOL BOARD

The school board was defense minded too this year. Each member made his or her contribution in some form or other.

Superintendent Krick was kept on the run the whole year. There was always someone waiting to see him. He, like everyone else, was knee-deep in defense activities. Although his job didn't call for as many changes due to the war situation as did Principal Brown's, those that were necessary were difficult to become accustomed to; but they were mastered and everything ran smoothly. Superintendent Krick thought he was going to be vitally handicapped at the beginning of school last fall due to the loss of his secretary, but his worries soon vanished when he discovered how capable and "Johnny on the spot" his new secretary, Miss Werling, was.

When Miss Werling wasn't writing letters or filling out documents, she usually could be found in the typing room operating the mimeograph machine, cutting stencils, and running off tests for teachers, who were greatly obliged to have someone to perform this task for them.

THE GENERAL AND HIS AID-DE-CAMP

Principal, W. G. Brown, has certainly had a busy year. Besides the supervision of the regular high school activities, he has had to organize and oversee the school's wartime routine. He has done everything in his power to aid those students of draft age. Several new subjects, valuable to persons active in the war effort, were added to the school curricula; among those subjects were aeronautics, fundamental arithmetic for the emergency, and calisthenics. For pupils who were interested in fitting themselves for defense jobs or for placement in the armed forces, night school was held on several designated evenings during each week. Such courses as drafting, radio, and the Morse code were taught. Besides regular high school and night classes, there was rationing to contend with this year.

Operating an "all out for victory" high school, kept Mrs. Kern, Mr. Brown's secretary, almost as busy as her employer. It was a difficult year; but under the guidance of a well-informed and capable principal, we came out on top at the close of school in the spring.

W. Guy Brown
Principal

Mrs. H. L. Kern
Secretary





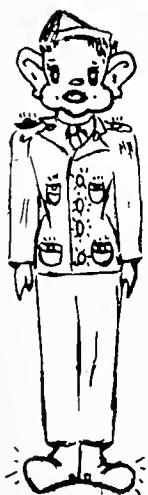
FACULTY

First Row: Mr. Alger, Mr. Adams, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Brown, Mr. Dorwin.

Second Row: Miss Elzey, Mr. Everhart, Miss Frisinger, Miss Haubold, Miss Kauffman.

THEY ALSO SERVE

Mr. Alger, who teaches classes in mathematics, aeronautics, and physics, was formerly an instructor in Hoagland High School. He is a graduate of Chester High School and received his A.B. and M.S. degrees at Manchester College and Indiana University, respectively. Mr. Alger is also the eighth grade class sponsor.



Mr. Adams teaches chemistry, physics, and mathematics. After receiving high school diploma and A.B. degree from Manchester College, he engaged in extension graduate work for three years.

Mr. Anderson, who is advisor to the "Ravelings" staff and the Commercial Club sponsor, is an instructor of commercial subjects. He is a graduate of Hartford City High School and Ball State Teachers' College, where he received his B.S. degree.

Mr. Brown, high school principal and civics instructor, received his high school diploma from Valparaiso University. He is a holder of B.S. degrees, both from Valparaiso U. and Ball State Teachers' College, and a master's degree from Indiana University.

Mr. Dorwin conducts classes in history and English and is also high school baseball coach. A graduate of Decatur High School, he attended Ball State Teachers' College and Franklin College. He holds a B.S. degree.



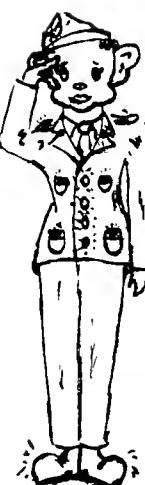
Miss Kauffman makes a war poster. Mr. Everhart puts comm andoes through their paces. Miss Frisinger and Mr. Perry walk nowadays. Mr. Alger and Mr. Adams "dig" a victory garden. Miss Elzey saves rubber. Mr. Dorwin preserves that tire. Mr. Anderson worked at a foundry. Mr. Brown is saving gas. Miss Haubold knits for soldiers.

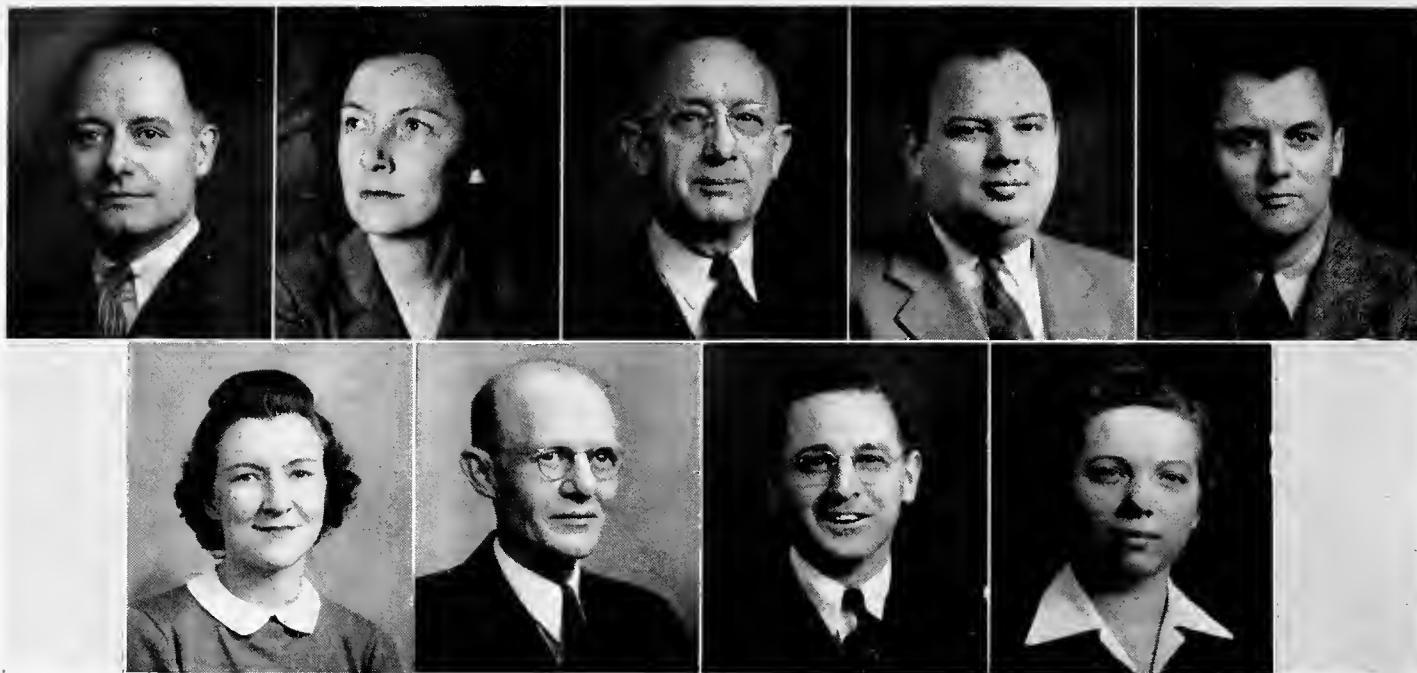
THEIR WAR EFFORT

Miss Elzey, aside from her duties as librarian, conducts some weekly classes in library work. She graduated from Decatur High School, Indiana University, and also attended Purdue University's library school. She holds B.S. and M.S. degrees.

Mr. Everhart, besides teaching classes in physical education and health and safety, coaches the junior high basketball team. He is a graduate of Monroe High School and Ball State Teachers' College where he received his master's degree.

Miss Frisinger, who is the freshman class sponsor, is in charge of Latin instruction. She is a graduate of Decatur High School and Franklin College. She engaged in graduate work from Purdue and Indiana University and holds an A.B. degree.





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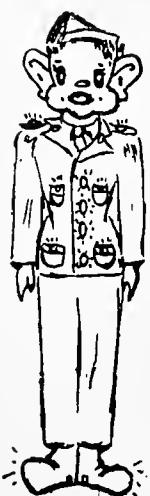
First Row: Mr. Ketchum, Miss Lewton, Mr. Millikan, Mr. Mumma, Mr. Perry.
Second Row: Miss Pumphrey, Mr. Sellemeyer, Mr. Smith, Miss Worthman.

ON RATIONING BOARDS

Miss Haubold supervises vocal instruction in the city schools. She is a Decatur High School graduate and received a B.P.S.M. degree at Indiana University.

Miss Kauffman, the school's art instructor, is also sponsor of the Color Wheel Club. She graduated from Indiana University and Decatur High School. She holds an A.B. degree.

Mr. Ketchum, who is the manual arts instructor, graduated from Geneva High School. He received his B.S. degree from Ball State Teachers' College and more recently has received his master's degree from Indiana University.



Miss Lewton is in charge of the English department and also serves as junior class sponsor. She graduated from Decatur High School and attended Depauw University and Western College for Women. She has an A.B. degree.

Mr. Millikan conducts classes in science, business English, and bookkeeping. He is a graduate of Bluffton High School and Ball State Teachers' College where he received a B.S. degree.

Mr. Mumma teaches classes in English and is sponsor for the sophomore class. He graduated from Decatur High School and Indiana Central where he received an A.B. degree.

Mr. Perry, who is the high school basketball and football coach, instructs classes in health and shop work. He is a graduate of Warsaw High School and Ball State Teachers' College, where he received his B.S. degree.



Mr. Millikin our head rationist; Mr. Sellemeyer instructs a WAAC to tootle; Miss Lewton saves vegetables; Miss Worthman and Miss Pumphrey take first aid; Mr. Mumma makes his gas last to the last inch; Mr. Smith saves all "scrap;" Mr. Ketchum is block warden.

ON THE HOME FRONT

Miss Pumphrey, who is physical education instructor, is now also in charge of the girl commando classes. She graduated from Decatur High School and Breau College. She holds an A.B. degree.

Mr. Sellemeyer, director of the school band, gives lessons in instrumental music. He is a graduate of Decatur High School and attended Indiana University.

Mr. Smith instructs classes in social studies and history. He is the seventh grade class sponsor and a graduate of Decatur High School. He attended Indiana University for two years and graduated from Depauw University with an A.B. degree.

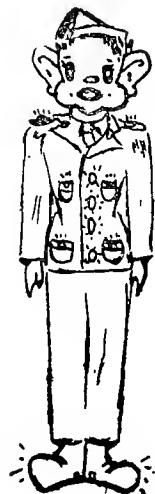
Miss Worthman, who is the sponsor of the Home Ec. Club and an advisor for the Ravelings Staff, is the home economics teacher. She graduated from Indiana State Teachers' College and holds a special Home Economics Vocational License as well as a B.S. degree.



WE SALUTE YOU!

In our school, as is the case in thousands of other schools in the country at this time, we have had the misfortune of losing several of our highly competent instructors to the armed services.

Thus another and perhaps the greatest phase in the school's all out war effort is exhibited in the sacrifices of these three men. But in time of war, things of this sort are to be reckoned with, and all go to hasten the final victory and ensuing peace that is bound to befall us.





WILLIAM T. IVES

William Ives, who passed his mental tests several months earlier, was not called into service until the first part of this year. Mr. Ives had taught classes in agriculture and was assistant coach of football and basketball. Under his supervision those future farmers learned how they could raise the biggest ears of corn and feed the fattest beef cattle. Mr. Ives enlisted as an air cadet and has now nearly completed the preliminary training which precedes the actual flying instruction. Mrs. Ives joined him recently in San Antonio, Texas, where he is receiving his training.



HUGH ANDREWS

The first member of our faculty to enlist his services was Hugh Andrews, who left in August of 1942 to join the ranks of instructors in the Army Air Forces Technical Training Command. Mr. Andrews had ably served as football and basketball coach for D. H. S. for several years. Both sports showed the influence of his guidance by displaying some very successful years in the history of the school. Aside from his duties as athletic director, he taught classes in mathematics. Mr. Andrews is now stationed at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, where he is instructing classes in the Radio University located there. Now he is one of those hundreds of thousands of coaches whose instructions will insure inevitable victory over the toughest opponents yet encountered.



HARRY DAILEY

On December 4, 1942, Harry Dailey enlisted and successfully passed the entrance examinations necessary for service in the United States Navy. Previous to his induction he conducted classes in physics and those extremely complicated equations encountered in the mathematics book assumed reasonable proportions and new logic under his direction and explanation. Now stationed at Great Lakes, Illinois, he instructs sailors in the same subjects in the Service School at the United States Naval Training Station located there.



In this group you see Mr. Mumma and Mr. Milliken holding sway over their classes. Donn Liby, the ideal typist. George consoles Pat Ed. words as she marrs a perfect copy. Home Ec'ers making Easter Duds. I'll match ya. Getting out the Gab-fest. That old gang of mine!



Classes



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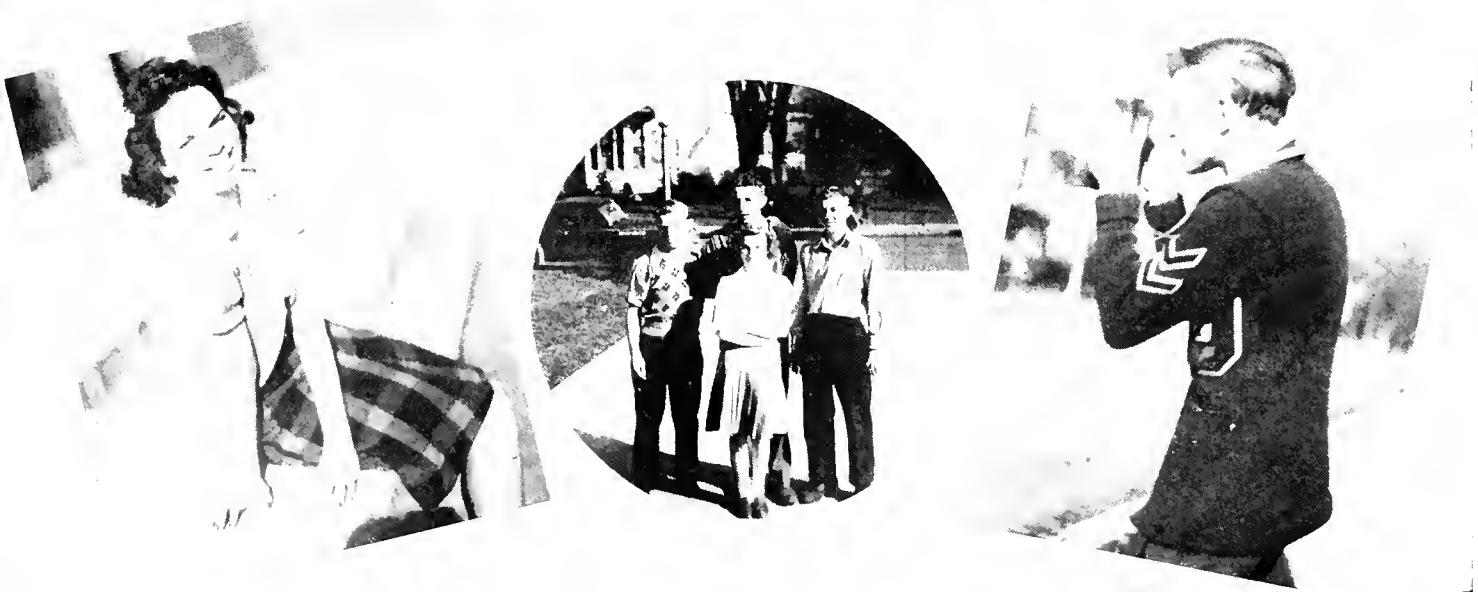
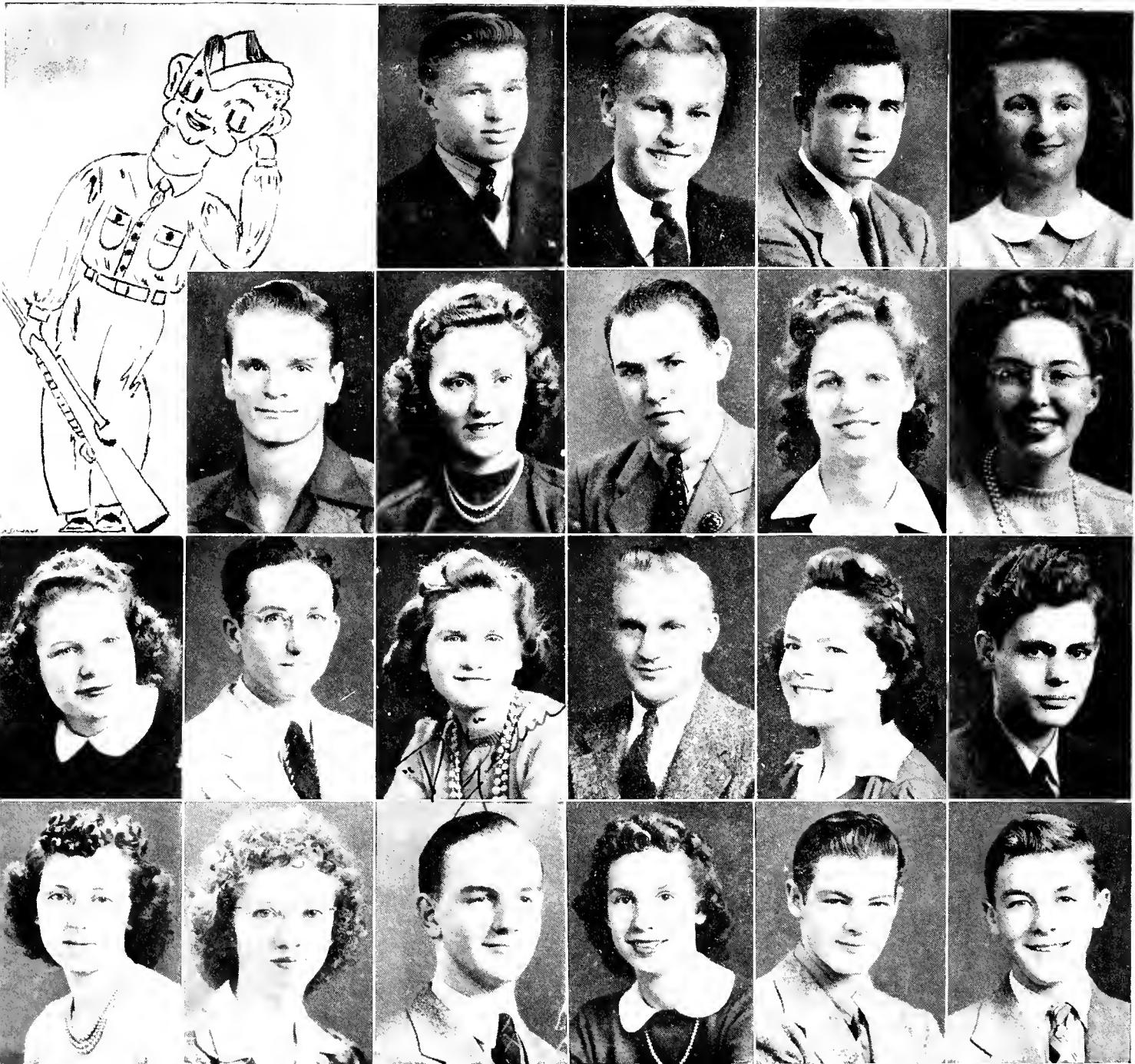
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IT'S A SMALL ARMY

RICHARD ABBOTT

President, Senior Class '43. Football '42-'43. Track '43. Junior Class Play '42. Pageant '43. Christmas Play '42. Howling Host '40-'42-'43. Howling Host Executive '42-'43. Sports Editor, Ravelings '42-'43. Photography Editor, Ravelings '43. Scholastic Letter '40-'41. Commercial Club '43.

MURVEL ANDREWS

Football '41-'42. Basketball '40-'41-'42-'43. Baseball '40-'41-'42-'43. Howling Hosts '41-'42-'43. Commercial Club '42-'43. Junior Class Vice President '42. Captain of Basketball '43.

CHARLES ARNOLD

Howling Host '40-'41-'42-'43. Class Play '42. Junior Class Treasurer '42. President, Sophomore Class '41. Football '40-'41-'42-'43. Intramural League '41-'42-'43. Track '43.

LOIS BAUGHMAN

Freshman Chorus '40. Home Ec. Club '40. Pep Champs '40-'41-'42-'43. Commercial Club '42-'43. President, Commercial Club '43. Band '40-'41-'42-'43. Junior Class Play '42. Operetta '42. Pageant '43. Girls' Trio '43. Double Quartet '42. Vice President, Senior Class '43. Ravelings Staff '42-'43. Editor of Ravelings '43.

ED BOKNECHT

Boynont Beech H. S. '41-'42. Howling Hosts '40.

ERNA BULTEMEIER

Home Ec. Club '40-'41-'42. Glee Club '42-'43. Commercial Club '42-'43. Color Club '42-'43. Wheel Club '43. Operetta '42. Pageant '43.

MAX BURDG

Thornton Town-ship High School '40-'42-'43. Commercial '41. Howling Hosts '39-'42.

HARRIET CHRISTEN

Home Ec. Club '40-'41. Commercial Club '42-'43. Glee Club '42-'43. G. A. A. '40-'41-'42. Color Wheel Club '42-'43. Operetta '42. Pageant '43.

JOAN COWENS

Freshman Chorus '40. Glee Club '42-'43. Pep Champs '40-'41-'42-'43. Girls' Band '40-'41-'42-'43. High School Band '40-'41-'42-'43. President, Glee Club '43. President, High School Band '43. Operetta '42. Pageant '43. Home Ec. '40. Ravelings Staff '41-'42-'43. Girls' Trio '43. Double Quartet '42. Scholastic Letter '40-'41-'42-'43. Library Club '42. Library Club Vice President '42. Color Wheel Club '42-'43.

JANICE FEASEL

Girls' Band '40-'41-'42-'43. High School Band '40-'41-'42-'43. Glee Club '42-'43. Commercial Club '42-'43. Home Ec. Club '40-'41. Junior Class Play '42. Operetta '42. Pep Champs '40-'41-'42-'43. G. A. A. '40-'41-'42. Pageant '43.

CARL FUELLING

Howling Hosts '39-'40-'41-'42. Art Club Vice President '40-'41. Freshman Chorus '39-'40-'41-'42. Operetta '42. Glee Club '42-'43. Commercial Club '42-'43. Home Ec. Club '42-'43. Commercial Club Treas. '42. Commercial Club Vice President '43.

DOROTHY GERBER

Pep Champs '40-'41-'42-'43. Pep Champs Club '42-'43. Freshman Chorus '39-'40-'41-'42. Operetta '42. Commercial Club '42-'43. Commercial Club Treas. '42. Commercial Club Vice President '43.

DON GROTE

Howling Host '40-'41-'42-'43. Dixie Club '40-'41-'42-'43. Home man Chorus '40-'41-'42-'43. Football '40-'41-'42-'43. Commercial Club Operetta '42. Pageant '43.

BETTY HAKES

Dixie Club '40-'41-'42-'43. Glee High School '40-'41-'42-'43. Commercial Club '43.

REX HEARE

Heights Freshman Vice Pres. '40. Glee Club '43. Howling Hosts '40-'41-'42-'43. Band '40-'41-'42-'43. Intramural League '41-'42-'43. Freshman Chorus '40.

Rex Heare

FLORENCE HOFFMAN

Home Ec. Club '40. Pep Champs '39-'40-'41-'42-'43. Glee Club '42-'43. Operetta '42. Pageant '43. Commercial Club '42-'43.

ELVA MAE JACKSON

Home Ec. Club '40-'41-'42. University of Southern California '43. Commercial Club '42-'43. Operetta '42. Glee Club '42-'43. Band '39-'40-'41-'42-'43. Drum Corp '42-'43. Color Wheel Club '42-'43. G. A. A. Awards '40-'41-'42. Pageant '43.

GERALD KIMBLE

Howling Hosts '40-'41-'42. University of Southern California '43. Commercial Club '42-'43. Operetta '42. Glee Club '42-'43. Band '39-'40-'41-'42-'43. Drum Corp '42-'43. Color Wheel Club '42-'43. G. A. A. Awards '40-'41-'42. Pageant '43.

JOAN KRICK

Freshman Chorus '40. Pep Champs '40-'41-'42-'43. Howling Hosts '40-'41-'42-'43. Treasurer '41-'42-'43. Commercial Club '42-'43. Glee Club '43. Band '40-'41-'42-'43. Operetta '42-'43. Intramural League '42-'43. Pageant '43. Jr. Class Play '42. Commercial Club U. S. Navy. '42-'43. Home Ec. '40. G. A. A. '40-'41. G. A. A. Award '40.

MAX LEONARDSON

Basketball '42-'43. Football '42-'43. Football '43. Howling Hosts '40-'41-'42-'43. Commercial Club '42-'43. Howling Hosts '43. Band '40-'41-'42-'43. Commercial Club '42-'43. Operetta '42-'43. Intramural League '42-'43. Pageant '43. Jr. Class Play '42. Commercial Club U. S. Navy.

DONALD LIBY

Basketball '42-'43. Football '42-'43. Football '43. Howling Hosts '40-'41-'42-'43. Commercial Club '42-'43. Howling Hosts '43. Band '40-'41-'42-'43. Commercial Club '42-'43. Operetta '42-'43. Intramural League '42-'43. Pageant '43. Jr. Class Play '42. Commercial Club U. S. Navy. Tennis '42.

Virginia, the office "stenog."

Norman, the camera "fiend."

High and Snooty Senior Class Officers.



BUT A MIGHTY ONE

RICHARD	ERMA	ARDELLA	PEGGY McALHANY	ROBERT	PHYLLIS
LICHTENSTIGER	LILLICH	MILLER	Commercial Club	McCLENAHAN	McFARLAND
Freshman Chorus '40-'41-'42-'43. Howling Hosts '40-'41-'42-'43. Leagues '41-'42-'43. Junior Class Play '42.	Home Ec. '39-'40. Pep Champs '40-'41. Commerical Club '42-'43. Pageant '42. Glee Club '43.	Home Ec. '40-'41. '41-'42. Home Ec. Club '40-'41-'42-'43. Commercial Club '42-'43. Pageant '42. Glee Club '43.	Library Club '40-'41-'42-'43. Pep Champs '40-'41-'42-'43. Ravelings Staff '41-'42-'43. G. A. A. '40-'41-'42. G. A. A. '41-'42-'43. Rav- elings Staff '43. Class Play '42. Girls' Pageant '43. Band '40-'41-'42. High School Band '40-'41. Color Wheel Club '41-'42-'43.	Howling Hosts '40-'41-'42-'43. Sec. Treas., Howling Hosts '43. Tennis '42. Sec., Freshman Class '40. Sec., '42-'43. Soph. Class '41. Glee Club '42-'43. Club '43. Pageant '43. Intramural Leagues '41-'42-'43. Operetta '42.	Howling Hosts '40-'41-'42-'43. Sec. Treas., Howling Hosts '43. Tennis '40-'41-'42. Commercial Club '42-'43. Glee Club '43. Club '43. Pageant '43. Operetta '42.

Arline Roop

CAL PETERSON	PAUL	DONALD	ARLINE ROOP	ALICE ROTH	BETTY SAUTTER
Howling Hosts '40-'41-'42-'43. Intramural Leagues '41-'42. Commercial Club '42. Football '41-'42.	RICKFORD	ROEDER	Home Ec. Club '40-'41. Glee Club '42-'43. Sec. of Commercial Club '42-'43. Pep Champs '40-'41-'42-'43. Pres. of Pep Champs '42-'43. Sec. of Pep Champs '40-'41. D. G. A. '40-'41. Girls' Glee Club '42-'43.	Freshman Chorus '40. Treas. of Soph. Class '41. Pep Champs '40-'41-'42-'43. Pep Champs '41. Commercial Club '42-'43. Glee Club '42-'43. Operetta '42.	Home Ec. Club '40. Freshman Chorus '40. Commercial Club '42-'43. Pep Champs '40-'41-'42-'43. Pep Champs '41. Commercial Club '42-'43. Glee Club '42-'43.
Basketball '40. Intramural Leagues '42-'43. Commercial Club '43. Pageant '43. Intramural Leagues '42-'43. Ag. Club '42-'43. Gabfest Committee '43. Howling Hosts '41-'42-'43.	Monroeville H. S. '40. Commercial Club '42-'43. Pageant '43. Intramural Leagues '42-'43. Ag. Club '42-'43. Gabfest Committee '43. Howling Hosts '41-'42-'43.	Basketball '40-'41-'42-'43. Commercial Club '42-'43. Pep Champs '40-'41-'42-'43. Band '40-'41-'42-'43. Pep Champs '41-'42-'43. Pageant '42-'43. Pep Champs '42-'43. Commercial Club '42-'43. Glee Club '42-'43. Operetta '42.	Home Ec. Club '40-'41-'42-'43. Pep Champs '40-'41-'42-'43. Band '40-'41-'42-'43. Pep Champs '41-'42-'43. Pageant '42-'43. Pep Champs '42-'43. Commercial Club '42-'43. Pep Champs '40-'41-'42-'43. Glee Club '42-'43.	Home Ec. Club '40. Home Ec. Sec. '40. D. G. A. '40-'41. Girls' Glee Club '42-'43.	Home Ec. Club '40. Home Ec. Sec. '40. D. G. A. '40-'41. Girls' Glee Club '42-'43.

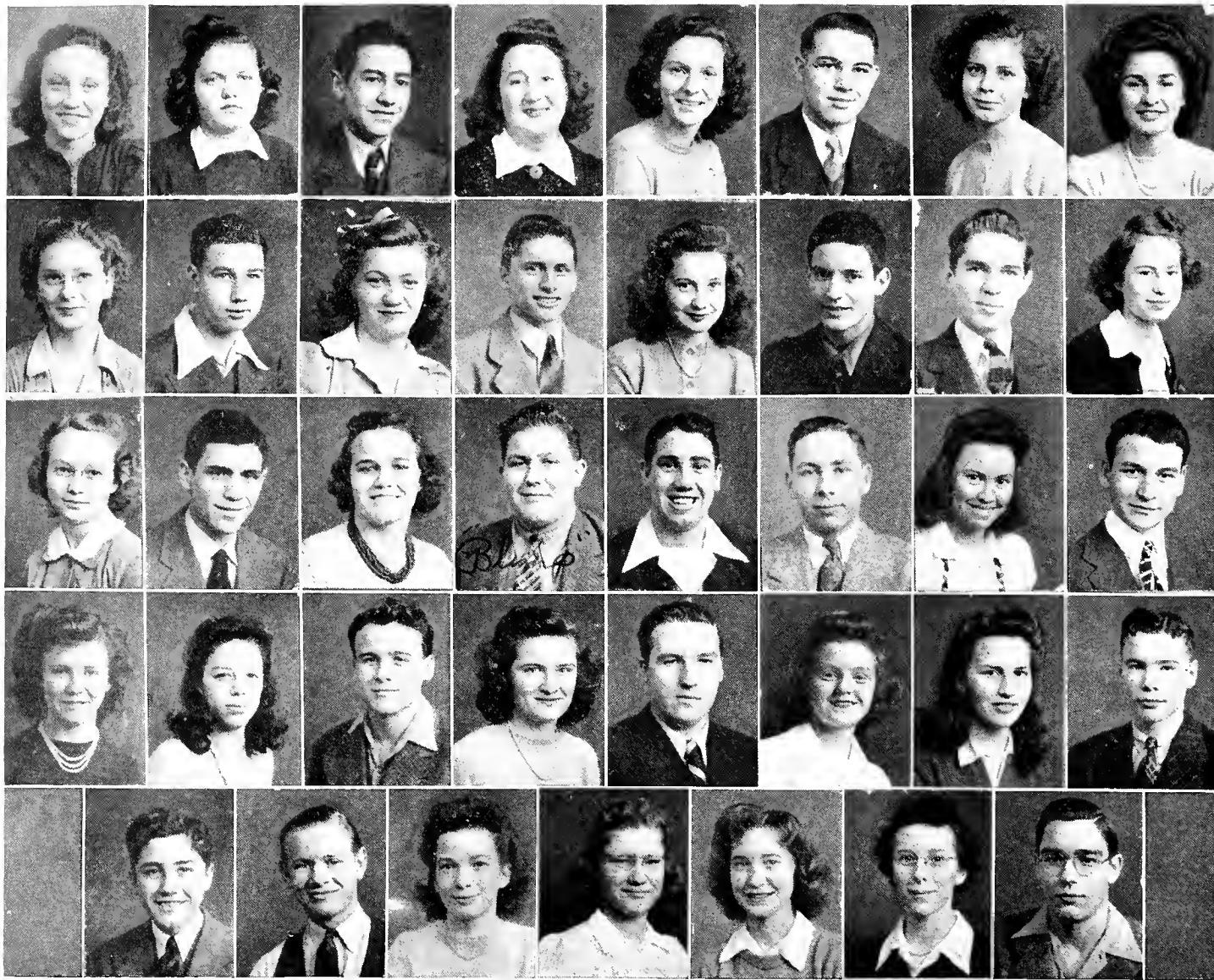
Murvel holds up a lamp post.

"Isabella" and "Janeece" our two dizzy blondes.

Betty Hakes, senior "Champeen" typist.

LEWIS SCHNEPP	RAY SCHWARTZ	NORMAN STEURY	MERVIN TAYLOR
With Armed Forces.	Monroe H. S. '40. Howling Hosts '41-'42-'43. Baseball '41-'42-'43. Commercial Club '43. Glee Club '43. Pageant '43. Basketball '41.	Freshman Chorus '40. Howling Hosts '40-'41-'42-'43. Tennis '41-'42-'43. Commercial Club '43. Glee Club '42-'43. Operetta '43. Intramural Leagues '41-'42-'43. Pageant '43.	Monroe H. S. '40-'41. Commercial Club '42-'43. Howling Hosts '42-'43. Intramural Leagues '42-'43. Ag. Club '43. Gabfest Committee '43. Pageant '43.

VIRGINIA VENIS	DALE VON GUNTE	BETTY J. WERST	ISABELLE WHITE	KATHRYN YAGER
Home Ec. Club '40-'41. Commercial Club '42-'43. Pep Champs '43. Pageant '43. Glee Club '43. Club '43. Pageant '43.	Home Ec. Hosts '40-'41-'42-'43. Operetta '42. Pageant '43. Commercial Club '43. Treasurer of Senior Class. Track '43. Basketball '40-'41-'42. Sec., Junior Class. Band '40-'41-'42.	Home Ec. Club '40. Pres. of Freshman Class '40. Glee Club '40. Junior Class '42-'43. Commercial Club '42-'43. Home Ec. Club '40-'41. G. A. A. '41-'42. Pep Champs '43. Operetta '42. Pageant '43. Ravelings Staff '43.	Home Ec. Club '40-'41-'42-'43. Pep Champs '40-'41-'42-'43. G. A. A. '41-'42. Pep Champs '43. Operetta '42. Pageant '43. Ravelings Staff '43.	Freshman Chorus '40. Home Ec. Club '40. D. G. A. '40-'41. Pep Champs '40-'41-'42-'43. Glee Club '42-'43. Operetta '42. Pageant '43. H. S. Band '41-'42-'43. Girls' Band Sec. '42. Commercial Club '42-'43. Commercial Club Treas. '43. Ravelings Staff '43.



JUNIORS

First Row: Doris Adler, Evelyn Andrews, Gene Bassett, Mary Bollinger, Sara Ann Boutwell, Brice Breiner, Pauline Brintzenhofe, Irene Brooks.
Second Row: Naomi Brown, James Brunnegraff, Leona Bultemeier, William Bumgardner, Belva Burke, Jim Cochran, Orin Crider, Lois Eady.
Third Row: Patricia Edwards, James Eichhorn, Bernadetta Eley, Bill Feasel, Gene Foreman, Howard Foreman, Betty Gallogly, Jack Garner.
Fourth Row: Lola Ruth Grove, Beverly Hokes, Paris Hokes, Dorothy Hammond, Keith Hammond, Helen Hazelwood, Betty Hill, Karl Johnson.
Fifth Row: Junior Kaehr, John Kelly, Lillian Koenemann, Selma Kohls, Barbara Koenemann, Ava Nelle Kraft, Jerry Leitz.

SHORT AND TALL

On September 8, 1942, seventy-eight boys and girls entered the halls of good old D. H. S. for their eleventh year of scholastic training. This year these boys and girls have a much grimmer determination in their school work, for America is engaged in a war and everybody is doing everything possible to bring home victory.

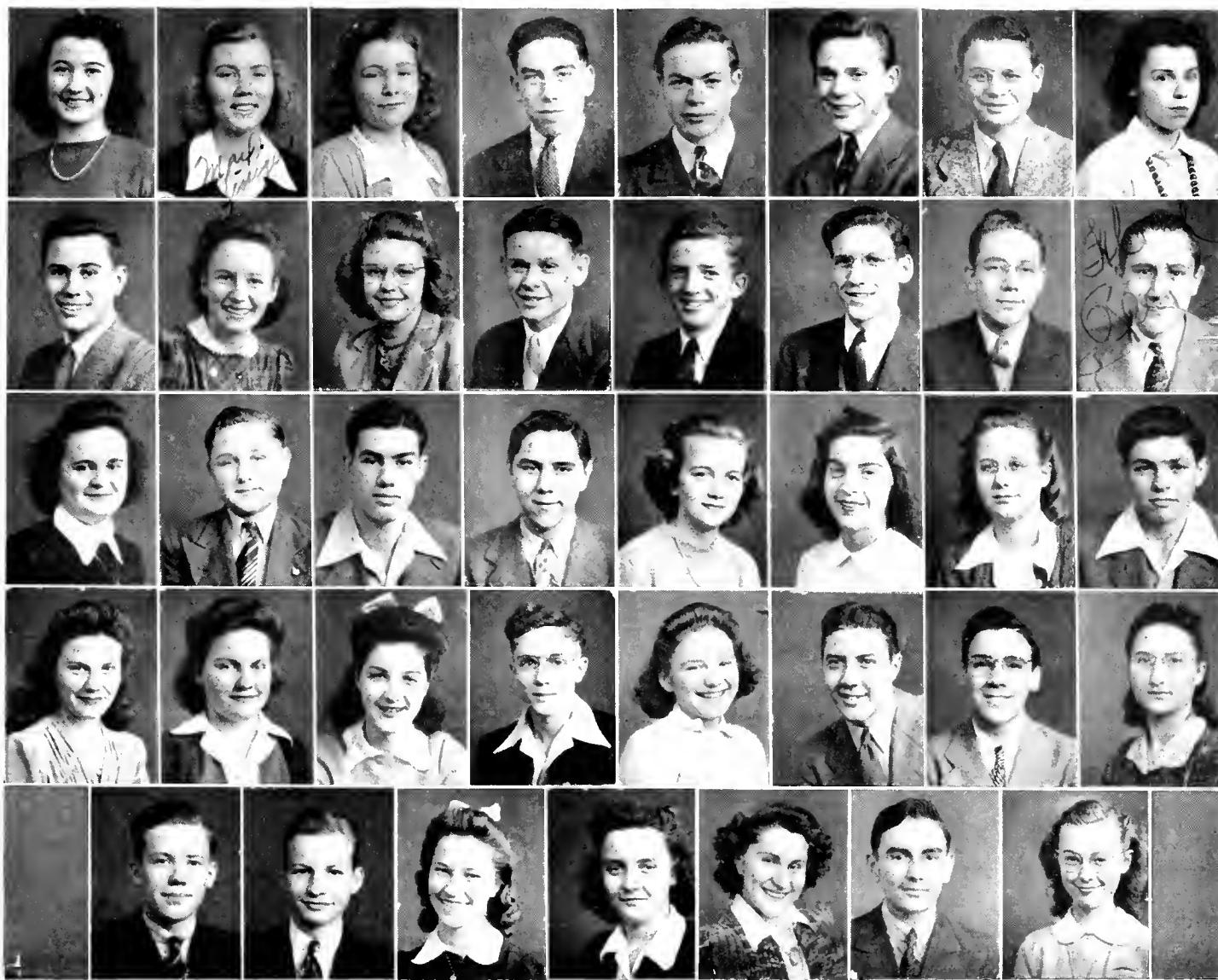
After many adjustments and readjustments of the class Mr. Brown put forth an announcement that the class would organize. Under the sponsorship of Miss Lewton the class elected Paul Moore, president; Floyd Reed, vice president; Jim Eichhorn, secretary; and Junior Kaehr, treasurer.

Just to prove that the junior class was not only a popular class but also a smart class here are a goodly number of students who have made the honor roll. They are Pauline Brintzenhofe, Marjorie Schnept, Kenneth McConnell, John Spahr, Melvin Thieme, Lillian Koenemann and Alice Owens.

Now let's look at the athletic side of the class. Football first caught the eyes of the boys, and fifteen of the boys that turned out to make the team were Brice Breiner, Jim Brunnegraff, Jim Cochran, Bill Feasel, Gene Foreman, Howard Foreman, Jack Garner, Junior Kaehr, Jerry Leitz, Manfred Melchi, Bob Mutschler, Ronald Pierce, Floyd Reed, Alvin Rickard, and John Spahr.

Basketball, too, had its players from the junior class. In fact it was dominated by juniors. There were Bill Bumgardner, Jim Eichhorn, Jim Cochran, Jack Garner, Bob Mutschler, Kenneth McConnell, Ronald Pierce, Floyd Reed, and John Spahr.





JUNIORS

First Row: Beatrice Light, Max Ellen Liniger, Juanita Maloney, Manfred Melchi, Wendell Miller, Paul Moore, Robert Mutschler, Marjorie McAlhany.

Second Row: Kenneth McConnell, Alice Owens, Phyllis Owens, Fred Pickford, Jr., Ronald Pierce, Robert Ray, Dean Reber, Floyd Reed.

Third Row: Francile Reidenbach, Robert Reppert, Alvin Rickord, LaVerne Roth, Marjorie Schnepf, Patricia Schnepf, Kathleen Shackley, Jack Shady.

Fourth Row: Mary Jane Shaffer, Alice Sheets, Jean Slusher, Vernon Smitley, Pauline Smith, John Spahr, Donald Springer, Lillian Terrell.

Fifth Row: Melvin Thieme, Edward Walters, June Ward, Betty Weber, Marjorie Weidly, Jean Werling, Norma Werling.

THEY'RE SOLDIERS ALL

Finally baseball season came. The juniors put forth another goodly number of boys to make positions on the team. These were the boys that did their best for the team: Brice Breiner, Jim Cochran, Jim Eichhorn, Bob Mutschler, Kenneth McConnell, Ronald Pierce, Bob Ray, and Floyd Reed.

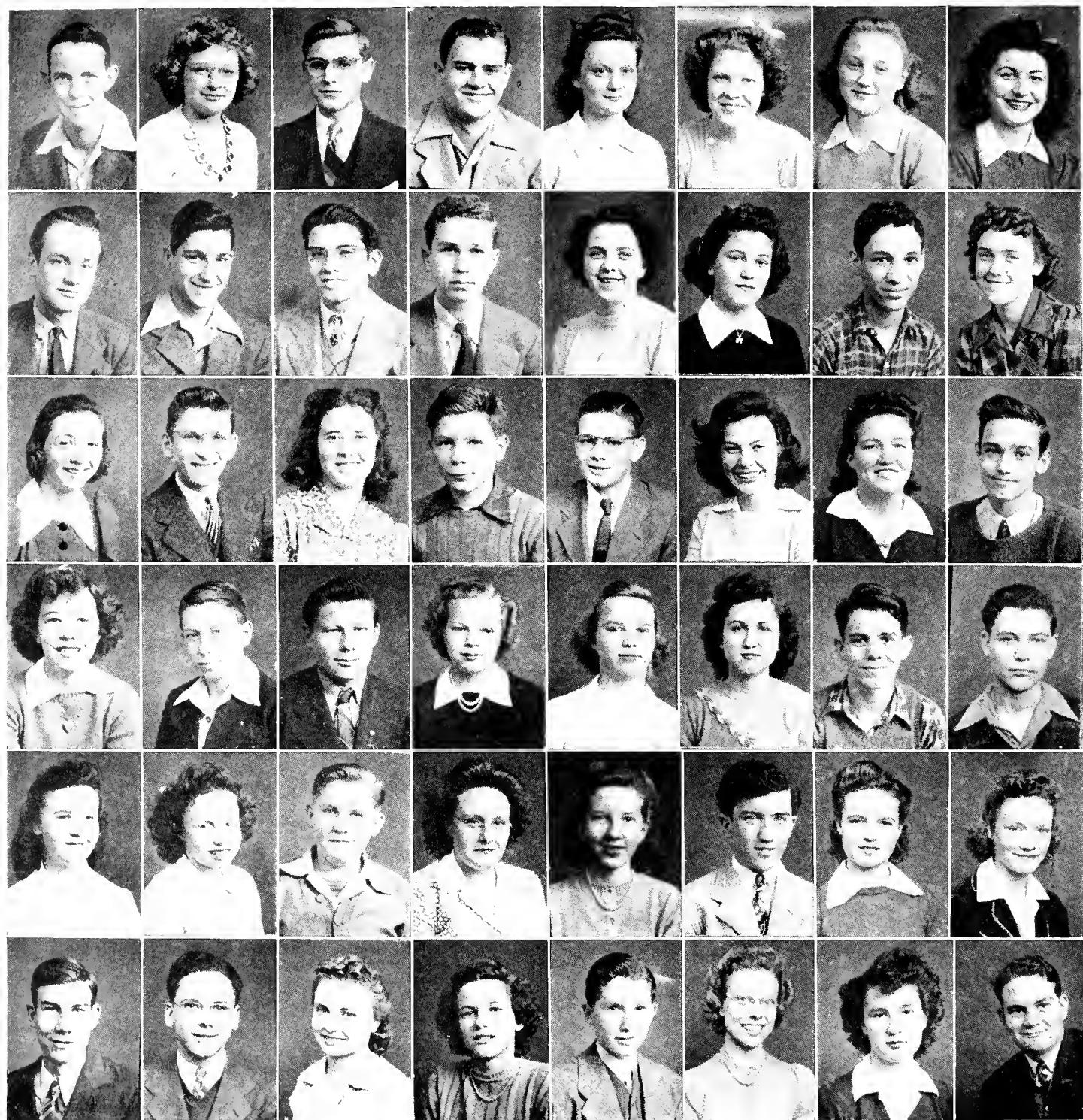
This year track made its appearance into D. H. S., and several boys from this class made their appearance on the course in cleats to jockey for a position. They are Bill Bungardner, Howard Fcreman, Jerry Leitz, Manfred Melchi, and John Spahr.

This year the girls were really put to work. A commando class, as it was called, was drawn up and every junior had to participate. Their achievements were to do different gymnastics and to take hikes. They also had to take a first-aid course. At the end of the year, if they achieved certain time limits on different obstacles, they were given an achievement card.

This year the junior class was eligible for the Glee Club. About a third of the class turned out and their efforts were rewarded by their annual program and by playing a major part in the pageant. This year the pageant took the place of the operetta, junior class play, and the senior class play.

The junior class this year did very well as it did in the years gone by. It is hoped that they will continue to do as much in their remaining year.





SOPHOMORES

First Row: George Alton, Clarice Anspaugh, Everett Arthur, Robert August, Margaret Baker, Norma Baker, Kathryn Baxter, Gloat Bleeke. **Second Row:** Roy Bleeke, Leo Borne, Bill Bromer, Barney Brooks, Marilyn Carroll, Anna Lou Chicote, Robert Christen, Delores Clark. **Third Row:** Lou Anna Clark, Thomas Colter, Hettie Davenport, William Downs, Don Eichar, Roberta Eicher, Phyllis Jean Elzey, Troy Fennig. **Fourth Row:** Helen Frank, Arthur Franz, Christie Franz, Juanita Fruchte, Margaret Fruchte, Lenore Fuelling, Richard Gehrig, Keith Gilpen. **Fifth Row:** Rosamond Graham, Joan Hamma, Bill Hawkins, Joan Hitchcock, Leona Holle, Bill Howell, Virginia Hutker, Eloise Jackson. **Sixth Row:** Vernon Johnson, Jim King, Eldora Kirschner, Patricia Kitson, Roger Knapp, Anita Koenemann, Mary Jo Krick, David Langston.

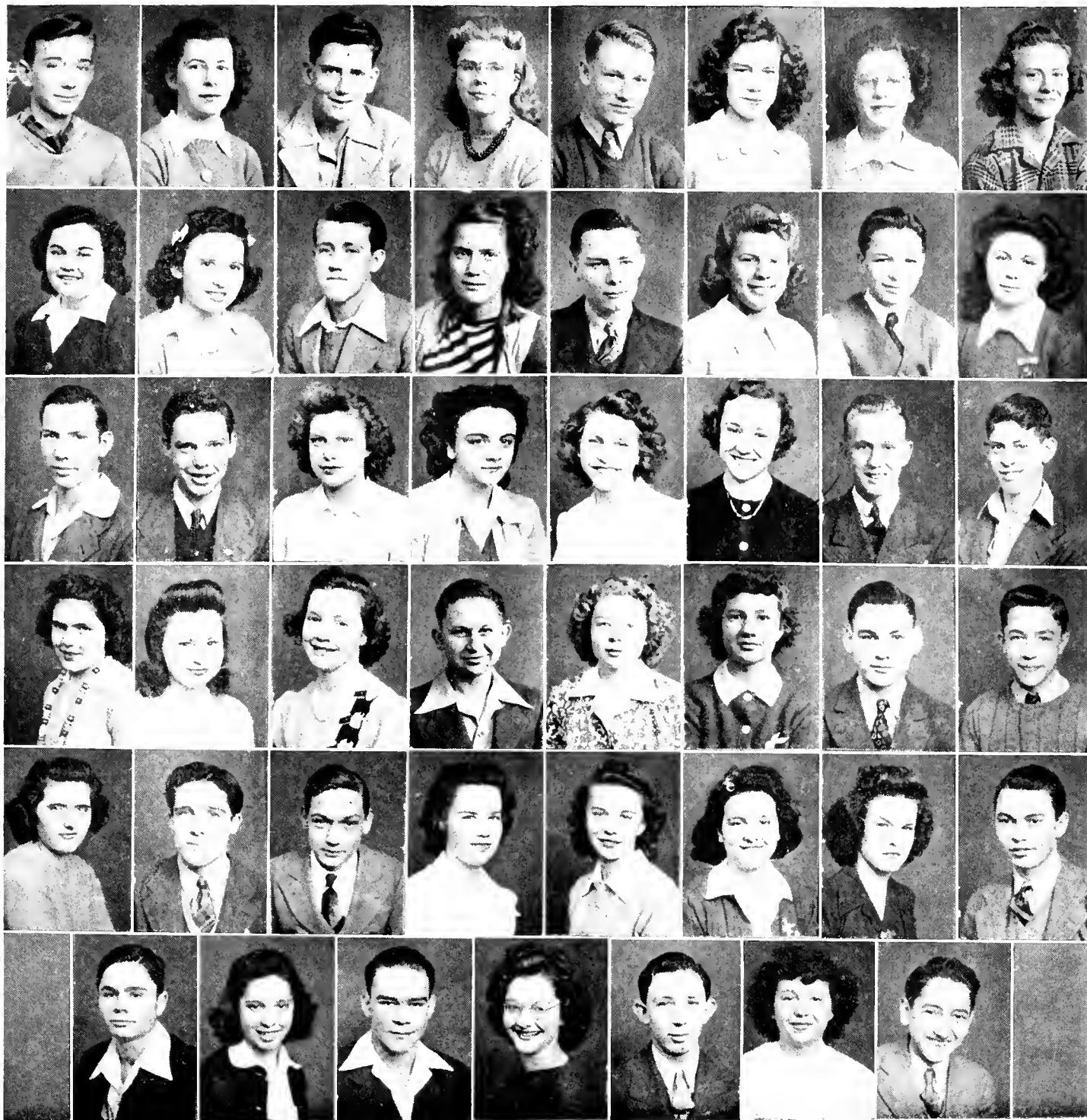
THE RANK AND FILE

Ninety-five sophomores started their second step through D. H. S. They were soon called together for class organization. Mr. Harold Mumma was again elected guardian of the class. The officers elected were Bill Bromer, president; Bcb Christen, vice president; Joyce Roop, secretary; Tom Colter, treasurer.

Those who attained the honor roll were Patricia Kitson, Rosamond Graham, Kathleen McConnell, Anita Koenemann, Jean Strahm, Marjorie Linn, and Leona Holle.

On the football squad the class was represented by Bill Bromer on the first team while Bob August, Everett Arthur, Barney Brooks, Tom Colter, Don Eichar, Dick Gehrig, Jim King, Twenty-six





SOPHOMORES

First Row: Donald Liechty, Marjory Linn, Tom Lutes, Jane Maddox, Bill Marbaugh, Bonnie Lou Melchi, Colleen Miller, Ruth Joann Miller. **Second Row:** Lois Jean Mitchell, Mary Moore, Paul Morgan, Ruth Myers, Morris McClure, Kathleen McConnell, Cletus McManama, Helen Owens. **Third Row:** Charles Peterson, Francis Pollock, Mary Pollack, Betty Jean Roop, Donnabelle Raap, Joyce Roop, Merlin Ross, Jr., Ralph Ross, Jr. **Fourth Row:** Clarice Sauer, Marcia Schnepp, Waunetta Schnepp, Melvin Schueler, Edna Mae Schultz, Charleen Shackley, Dick Sheets, Robert Smitley. **Fifth Row:** Mary Smith, Roger Staley, Russell Stanley, Viola Steele, Vera Steury, Jean Strahm, Gloria Striker, Ronald Stucky. **Sixth Row:** Earl Venis, Phyllis Venis, Donald Williams, Wilma Wilson, Irvin Worthman, Ruth Yost, Frank Young, Jr.

THEY ARE WORTH WHILE

Bill Marbaugh, Charles Peterson and Don Williams served on the reserve squad.

In basketball Bill Bromer and Tom Colter played. Those on the second team were Barney Brooks and Don Eichar. The Babe Ruths and Joe DiMaggios of the class were Everett Arthur, Roy Bleeke, and Charles Peterson. Those who tried out for the track team were Bill Bromer, Tom Colter, Don Eichar, Dick Gehrig, and Jim King.

The girls, not to be outdone by the boys in the field of sports, took exercises and played games under the guidance of Miss Pumphrey.





FRESHMEN

First Row: Irene Andress, Catherine Andrews, Geraldine Andrews, Lawren Arnold, Warren Arnold, Betty Lou Daumgartner, Mary Alice Beineke, Marie Bleek. **Second Row:** Joan Bodle, Bill Bollinger, John Brown, Don Brunnearff, Paul Bucher, Wanda Busse, Mary Jo Butler, Charles Chilcote. **Third Row:** Lois Chronister, Roy Cook, Richard Cottrell, Alice Joan Cowan, Grace Daniels, Norma Lou Eady, Billy Eichhorn, Hubert Feasel. **Fourth Row:** Catherine Fisher, Catherine Friedley, Evelyn Frohnafel, Patricia Garner, Donna Gilpen, Janet Goldner, Anna Jane Gunder, Richard Gunder. **Fifth Row:** Waynard Habegger, Paul Hammond, Norma Hazelwood, Ted Hill, Barbara Hoblet, Phyllis Hoffman, Betty Irwin, Jerry Ketchum, Ruth Kiefer. **Sixth Row:** Ardene Kirchner, Donald Kirsch, Carey Knittle, Karl Kolter, Jean Lautenschleger, Jerry Lichtenstiger, Donald Light, Eugene Lough, Frank Lundin, Jr.

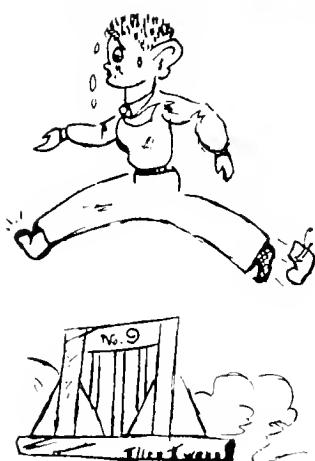
FRESHMEN, FRESHMEN, DON'T YOU CRY

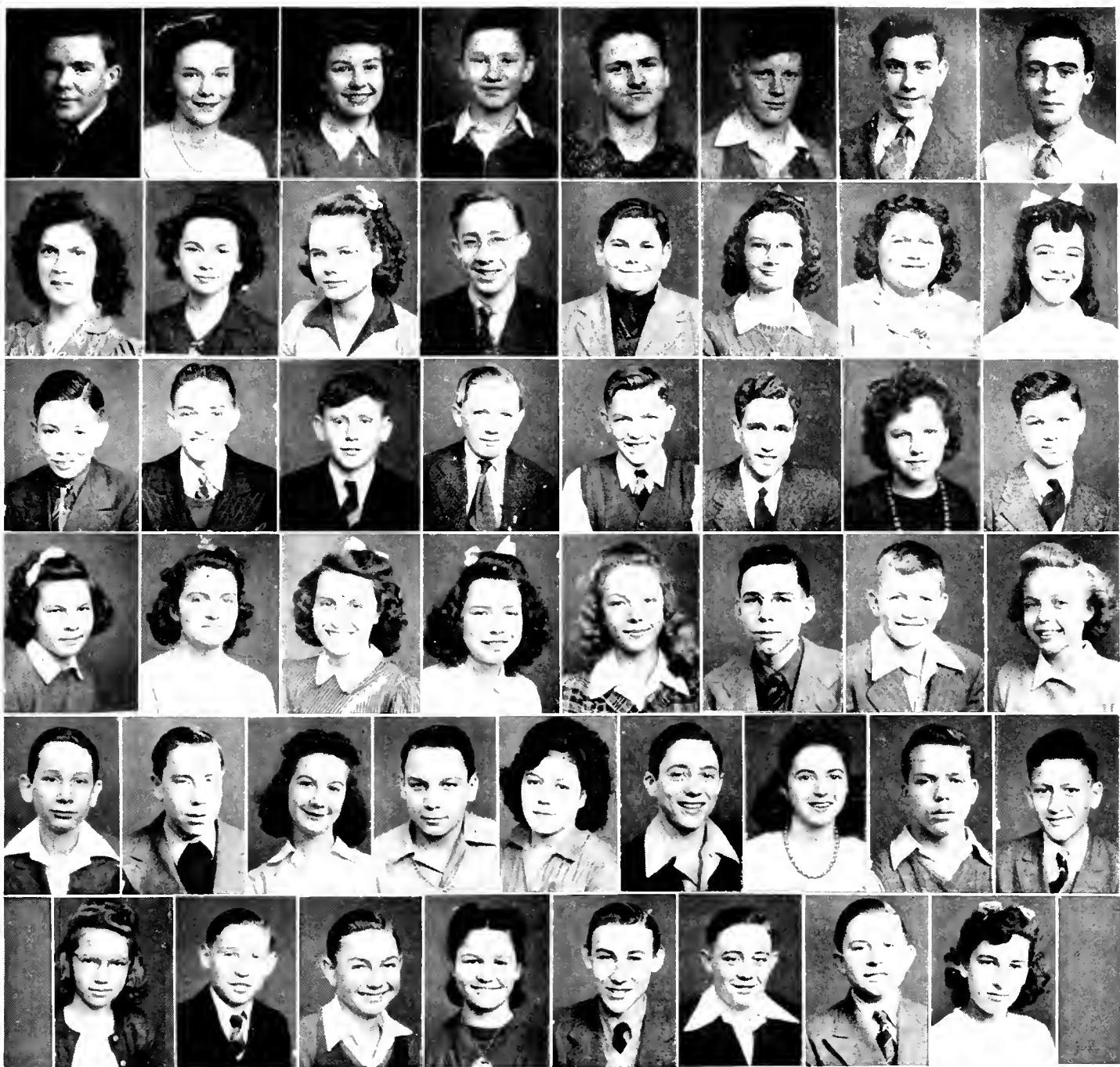
The freshmen of Decatur High included one hundred-two boys and girls.

They selected Miss Frisinger as their class sponsor. Their officers were Donald Light, president; Marilyn Schultz, vice president; Roger Schnepf, secretary; and Donald Kirsch, treasurer.

Those who appeared on the honor roll at least once during the year were Catherine Andrews, Donald Kirsch, Richard Saylor, Ann Maddox, Mary Lou Robinson, Frank Lundin, Evelyn Frohnafel, Imogene McFarland, Leigh Nelson, Wilbert Thieme, Merritt Marbaugh, and Barbara Hoblet.

Some of the better basketball players made the second team. They were Bill Porter, Roger Schnepf, Ted Hill, Leigh Nelson, Max Ogg, and Bill Bollinger.





FRESHMEN

First Row: Eugene Lyons, Mary Elizabeth Macy, Ann Maddox, Donald Marbaugh, Robert Marbaugh, Merritt Marbach, Dwight Marshall, Ralph Merriman. **Second Row:** Jo Ann Metzger, Verena Moore, Marjorie Moser, Dwight Myers, Jr., Gene Myers, Imogene McFarland, Mary Jane McGill, Jo Ann McMillan. **Third Row:** Leigh Nelson, Max Ogg, Donald Pickford, Jess Plasterer, James Pollock, Bill Porter, Geraldine Ray, Jack Rayer. **Fourth Row:** Patsy Richards, Mary Lou Robinson, Betty Roeder, Barbara Roop, Bonnie Roop, Richard Saylor, Roger Schnepf, Marelyn Schultz. **Fifth Row:** James Shackley, Bill Shook, Kathryn Slusher, Gerald Springer, Margie Springer, Freddie Steiner, Wilbert Lavon Strickler, James Summers, Melvin Taylor. **Sixth Row:** Phyllis Teeter, Raymond Thieme, Wilbert Thieme, Joyce Ward, Melvin Werling, Bill Whittredge, Donald Wolfe, Onalee Zimmerman.

YOU'LL BE SOLDIERS BY AND BY

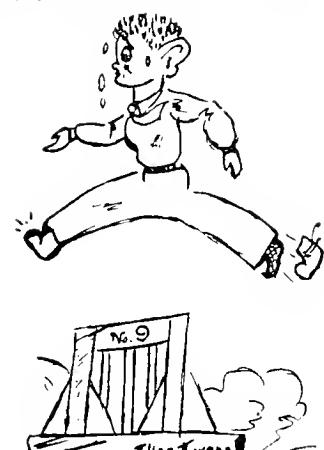
The football players included Charles Chilcote, Paul Hammond, Bill Porter, Jim Pollock, Jerry Lichtenstiger, and Bob Marbaugh.

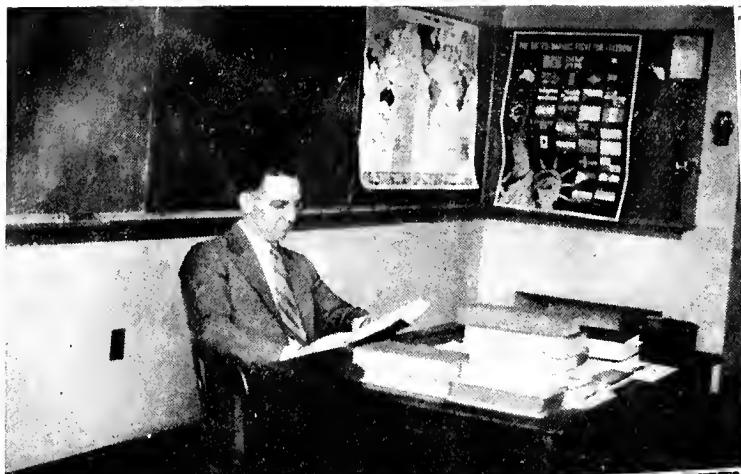
A few of the boys who went out for track were Don Brunnegraff, Charles Chilcote, Robert Marbaugh, Gene Myers, and Richard Cottrell.

The girls were also sports-minded. They did their share in the intra-class sports and were loyal supporters of the Pep Champs.

The girls were also interested in cooking and sewing. Many of the girls joined the Home Ec. Club under the supervision of Miss Worthman.

The following played in the school band directed by Mr. Sellemeyer: Lois Chronister, Bill Eichhorn, Jerry Ketchum, Karl Kolter, Ann Maddox, Dwight Marshall, and Marelyn Schultz.





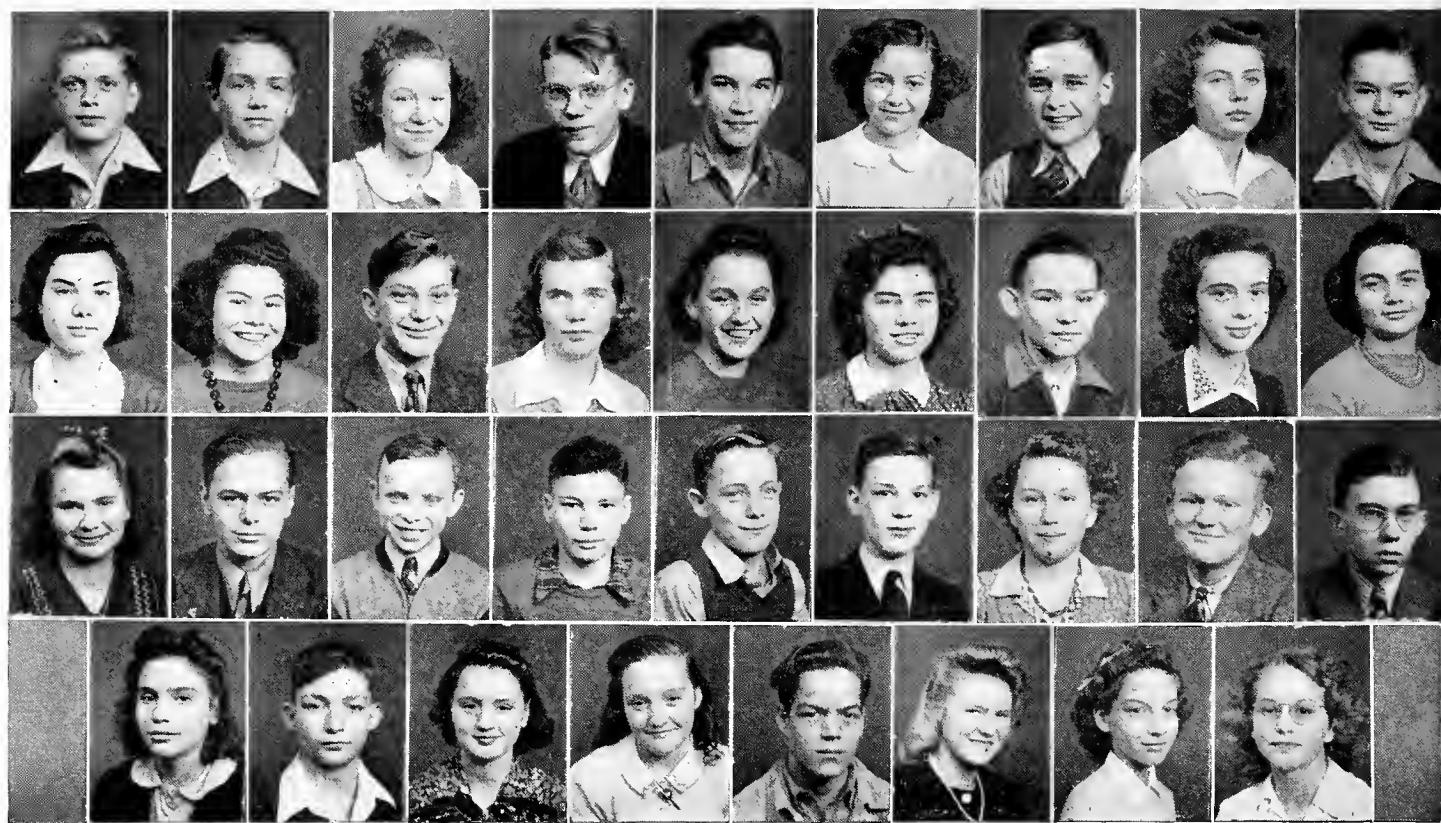
Mr. Smith, sponsor of the seventh grade. Is it good, fellows? Some seventh grade girls admiring their handiwork. It won't be long until you will be flying, sonny. Karlann and James doing a little outside work. The seventh grade class officers: Miles Gerberding, president; Roger Gentis, vice president; Kenneth Durbin, secretary; Max Melchi, treasurer.

LITTLE WAR WORKERS



Junior High yell leaders, Helen Baughman and Mary Leitz. Junior High boys make airplane models for Uncle Sam. Students giving books for the Victory Book Drive. Are you saving tires, Bobby? Mr. Alger, the seventh grade class sponsor who succeeded Mr. Dailey after his entrance into the Navy. I'll bet they sew a fine seam. Eighth grade class officers: Donna Jaberg, president; Bill Lichtenstiger, vice president; Tom Ahr, secretary; Jean Hutcker, treasurer.

THE JUNIOR HI-ERS



EIGHTH GRADE

First Row: Thomas Ahr, Herman Andress, Betty Jean Anspaugh, Lea Bailey, William Bailey, Helen Baughman, James Beery, Nancy Bell, Robert Boknecht.

Second Row: Joan Bowman, Phyllis Bowman, James Brown, Joan Breiner, Kathleen Butler, Phyllis Chronister, Edward Deitsch, Colleen Edgell, Kathryn Ann Edwards.

Third Row: Dora May Fairchild, William Freeby, Herbert Fruchte, Lawrence Gallogly, Thomas Garner, Junior Hakey, Carolyn Hammond, Lyman Hann, Jr., Jack Harker.

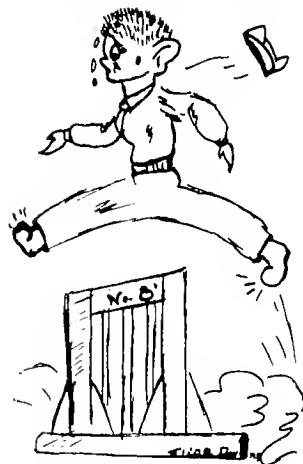
Fourth Row: Frances Harrod, James Hart, Ruth Hess, Florence Hitchcock, Brice Hower, Jean Hutker, Donna Jaberg, Mary Ellen Johnson.

IF IT'S NECESSARY

With the beginning of the school season, seventy experienced eighth grade students again received lockers and prepared for another enlightening term. The officers elected were Donna Jaberg, president; Bili Lichtenstiger, vice president; Tom Ahr, secretary; Jean Hutker, treasurer. Mr. Dailey was elected class sponsor, but he left for the armed forces and was succeeded by Mr. Alger. Having had one year's experience as students of D. H. S., they felt a slight bit of superiority over the lowly seventh graders.

The scholastic ability attained the preceding year was again evidenced by the following students attaining the honor roll: Thomas Ahr, Phyllis Chronister, Kathryn Ann Edwards, William Freeby, Donna Jaberg, Wilma Merriman, and Rosaleen Myers.

The Junior High basketball squad played only the regular city series with St. Joe this year. The Junior Jackets lost a low-scoring first game 8 to 6, but won the second game 20 to 15. The third game, played in the Yellow Jackets' gym, was taken by St. Joe, who thus gained the Wemhoff trophy for one year. The team's slogan was then, "Just wait till next year." The following eighth grade boys participated: Thomas Ahr, Herman Andress, Lawrence Gallogly, Tom Garner, Stanley McBride, Raymond Ralston, and Calvin Smitley. This being the last year before entering high school and trying for the first team, the expert instruction of Mr. Everhart proved a valuable asset to every boy. The boys' gym class took part in some rigorous calisthenic drills. They also used, with the coming of warmer weather, the commando course to strengthen





EIGHTH GRADE

First Row: Wilma Jean Johnson, Phyllis Ladd, Helen Landrum, Mary Leitz, Norman Leonardson, Bill Lichtenstiger, Stanley McBride, Phyllis McClure, Betty McGill.

Second Row: Wilma Merriman, Robert Metzger, Joan Mitchell, Erma Morrison, Gene Moser, Rae Myers, Rosaleen Myers, Harold Nash, David Pollock.

Third Row: Virginia Rash, Raymond Ralston, Robert Roop, Ralph Sauer, Ralph Schnitz, Charles Schafter, Martha Sheets, Alva Smitley, Calvin Smitley.

Fourth Row: Dale Smitley, Anna Steury, Catherine Suddeth, Norma Swygart, Monna Venis, Charles Ward, Betty Wolfe.

THEY CAN WIELD A HOE

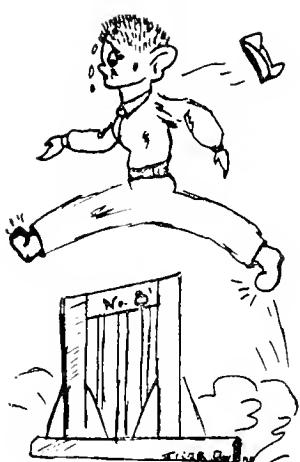
them for the life ahead.

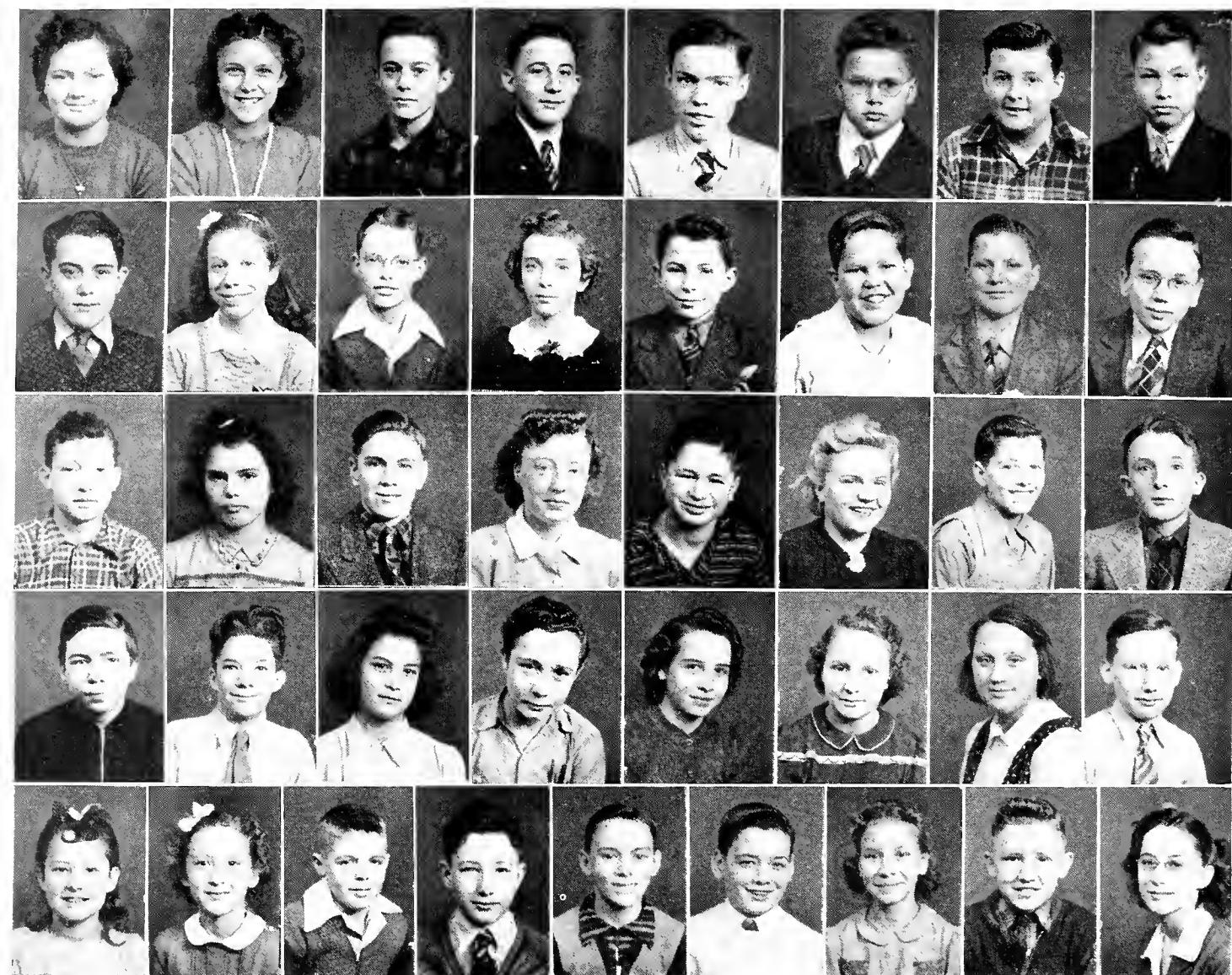
Miss Purnphrey, the girls' physical ed. director, supervised and instructed the girls in many interesting calisthenic exercises. There was, for instance, a running somersault done over three people by Mary Leitz. A contest was held to determine who could obtain the highest number of points in the following tests: basketball free throws, twenty-five times around the gym, pushup twenty-five times, forward rolls three times in succession, and a few others. Phyllis Chronister came out on top with a grand total of eight hundred twenty-five points. Later the girls also used the commando training course at Worthman Field.

The Junior High ball games needed some enthusiasm which was provided by the girls. Helen Baughman and Mary Leitz helped to keep the yells in a fair yelling condition and added a little more pep to them.

The class was allowed to take part in the pageant, "I Pledge Allegiance." Several students were selected to participate in the pageant and also in the Christmas candlelight processional presented again this year. A few of the more ambitious students also continued or began instruction under Mr. Sellemeyer for the band. The eighth grade is now very well represented in this fine organization.

It was a certainty that all members of this class, looked forward to the many privileges and chances afforded them when they become members of the Senior High. Another progressive year as members of the 1943-44 freshman class was anticipated.





SEVENTH GRADE

First Row: Joan Andrews, Onna Lee Barger, Bruce Baughn, Merle Royal Bollinger, Loren Brentlinger, Norman Burnett, Glenn Carpenter, Donald Chronister.

Second Row: Norman Corey, Dorothy Cottrell, James Cowens, Jane Dailey, Kenneth Durkin, Dwight Egly, Glen Essex, Herman Everett.

Third Row: Raymond Evans, Evelyn Fisher, Jack Fisher, Dorothy Flaugh, Robert Franklin, Patricia Gaffer, Roger Gentis, Miles Gerberding.

Fourth Row: George Gilbert, Robert Hahn, Roberta Hahn, Robert Haley, Ruby Harshman, Georgia Hazelwood, Mary Hess, Ronald Hill.

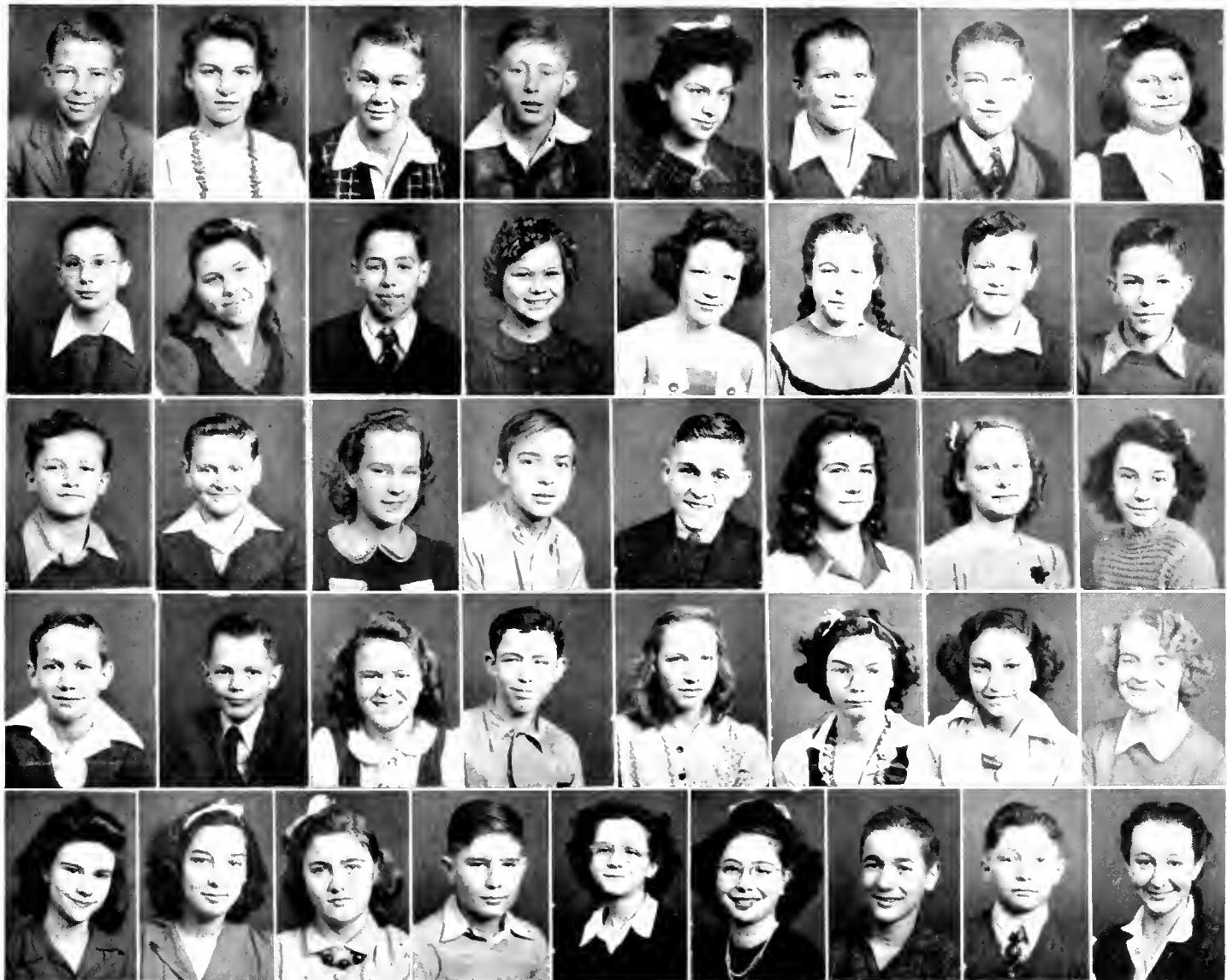
Fifth Row: Constance Hill, Betty Jean Hollingsworth, Everett Hukker, Jr., James Hurst, Ralph Jackson, Kenneth Jennings, Catherine Johnson, Richard King, Phyllis Kraft.

GRAB A SPADE AND SHOVEL

A few days before school began, a group of bewildered seventh graders gathered at good old Decatur Junior-Senior High School, to be told about its horrors. You should have heard some of them talk about this new world that they were about to enter. Here they were starting at the bottom rung of the ladder for another year of learning.

The class numbered eighty-four students. These eighty-four bright students after a wait of three months decided to elect a class sponsor and class officers. They elected Mr. Smith as their sponsor and their officers as follows: Miles Gerberding, president; Roger Gentis, vice president; Max Melchi, treasurer; and Kenneth Durbin, secretary. They were very proud of the fact, that they, only seventh graders, should have a chance to organize the same as the high and mighty upperclassmen. A few workers took their books home after school hours and, although the light bill went up a few cents, they attained the merit of getting their names on the honor roll at least once during the year.





SEVENTH GRADE

First Row: Norman Kruse, Norma Lammert, Raymond Lehman, Max Lyons, Berniece Martinas, Edsai Mattox, Max Melchi, Eileen Meyer.

Second Row: David Moore, Bernice Morgan, Robert McAlhany, Barbara McManama, Georgia O'Donnell, Anita Pentz, Clair Reynolds, Jack Reynolds.

Third Row: Roger Reynolds, Gordon Rice, Rose Roebuck, Rex Roop, Kenneth Roop, Annabelle Shaffer, Bonnie Schieferstein, Anna Schwartz.

Fourth Row: Robert Shackley, Medford Smith, Evelyn Summers, Albert Sudduth, Mary Sudduth, Bonnie Lou Suman, Roberta Swager, Mary June Teeple.

Fifth Row: Mary Vian, Helen Ward, Jacqueline Warren, Jack Weldy, Norma Jean Wilson, Charlotte Watham, William Wolfe, Samuel Yost, Karl Ann Striker.

AND HELP THE HOME CROPS GROW

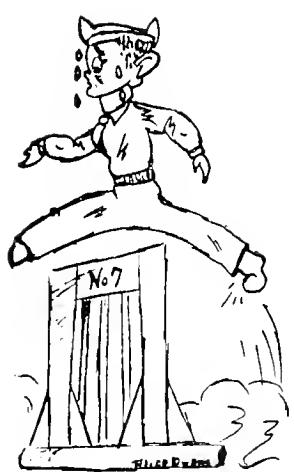
The pupils who did this were Medford Smith, Jane Daily, Bonnie Lou Schieferstein, Miles Gerberding, Phyllis Kraft, Dorothy Flaugh, Evelyn Summers, June Teeple, Roger Gentis, Karlann Striker, and Mary Kathryn Vian.

The boys played basketball under the direction and coaching of Mr. Everhart. They all worked very hard to get on the Junior High team, and a few succeeded in doing so. These boys were Raymond Lehman, Gordon Rice, Bruce Baughn, Robert Haley, Robert McAlhaney, Ronald Hill, and Max Melchi. The girls also helped by cheering them on to their victories.

Many members of the class took band lessons under the direction of Mr. Sellemeyer and liked him as a teacher.

Now after these few words, you should be able to tell that it isn't all play to go to school—there is some work.

Keep up the good work, seventh graders, you're doing fine!

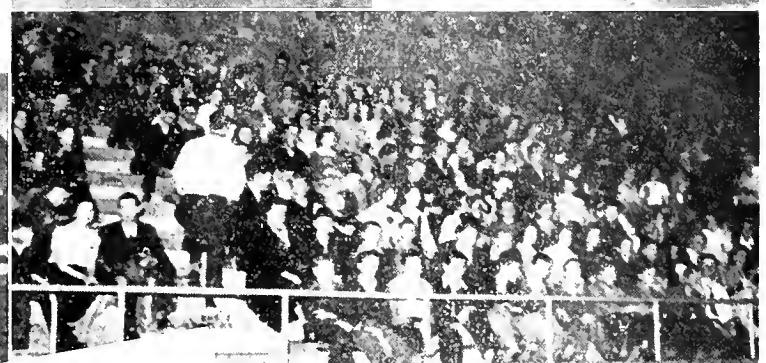
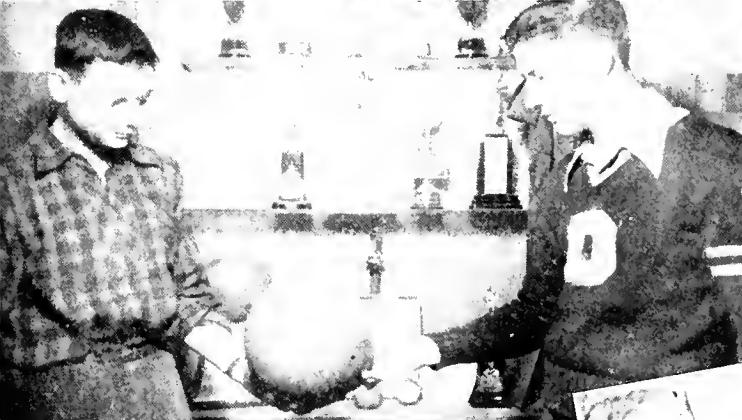


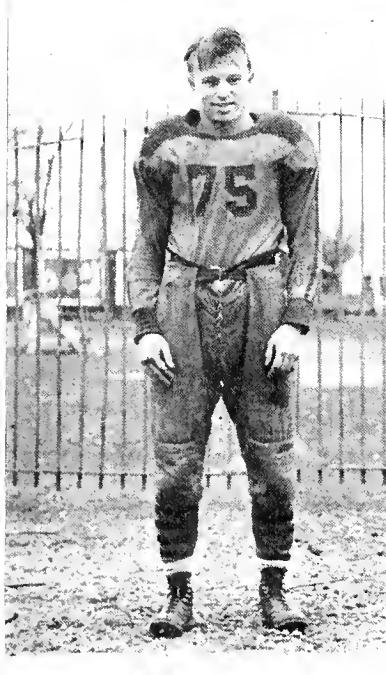
ATHLETICS



THE TIP OFF

Johnny Commando whom you, no doubt, have noticed previously in this book bids you to look on the opposite page just to see what we do in the way of athletics. The milling crowd denotes our school tournament. Mr. Everhart is our commando supervisor. Commandos on a dog trot. John and Bob admire our trophies won in past years. The basketball game in progress. Your yell leaders. Foreman does a broad jump. Commando ladder walk. Drug store cowboys. Another view of ladder walk. Scrimmage. Basketball boys off to Indianapolis.





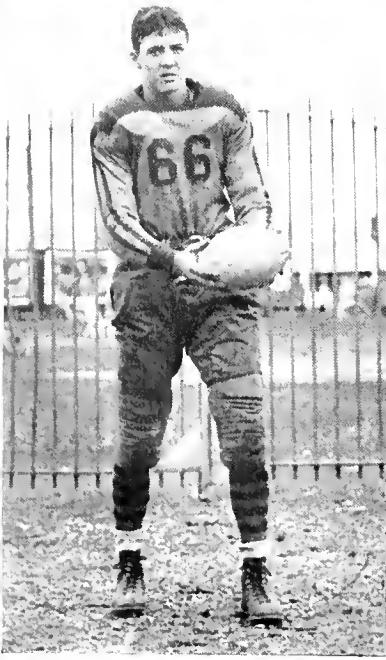
WATCH US CRASH

Left to Right: Paul Rickord, Charles Arnold, Murvel Andrews, Alvin Rickord.

Left Center: Richard Abbott.

Lower Left: John Spahr.

"Watch it coming around right end!"





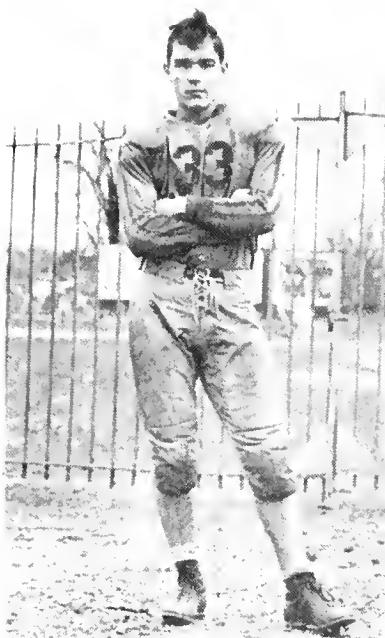
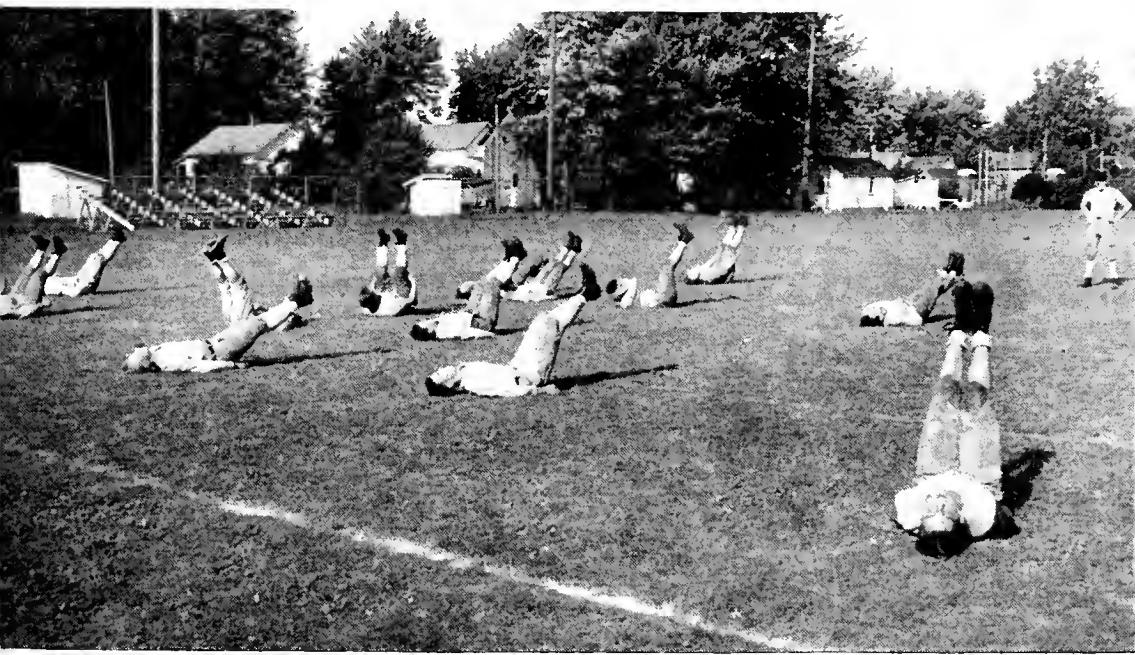
YOUR LINE, SCHICKELGRUBER!

Left to Right: Manfred Melchi, Brice Breiner, Jack Garner, Bill Bromer

Right Center: Jerry Leitz.

Lower Right: Howard Foreman.

"One, two, three! Keep 'em up!"





FOOTBALL SQUAD

Center: James Pollock.

First Row: Robert Marbaugh, Jerry Lichtenstiger, Ronald Pierce, Junior Kaehr, Howard Foreman, Bill Feasel, Richard Gehrig, Don Eichar, Everett Arthur, Tom Colter.

Second Row: Robert August, Gene Foreman, Donn Liby, Max Leonardson, Bill Porter, Charles Arnold, Jack Garner, Brice Breiner, Richard Abbott, Bill Marbaugh.

Third Row: Coach Dan Perry, Bill Bromer, Paul Rickord, James Cochran, Alvin Rickord, Floyd Reed, Murvel Andrews, Robert Mutschler, John Spahr, Jerry Leitz, Manfred Melchi.

GIVING THE AXIS THE KICKOFF

A few weeks before school started last fall it was noticed that a group of boys were struggling and sweating under the hot sun out at Worthman Field. These boys were preparing, practicing, and learning plays for the 1942 football season. Some were old hands at the game; some were new recruits; but regardless of this they all worked together from the start.

This year the coach's position was taken by Dan Perry, who came from Hoagland. He had to start from scratch with men who had to learn new plays and positions.

This year seven games were scheduled, a large number considering war-time conditions. Nine of last year's first team shirt bearers—Whitey Andrews, John Spahr, Charley Arnold, Jack Garner, Floyd Reed, Richard Abbott, Jerry Leitz, Brice Breiner, and Paul Rickord—were still with D. H. S. this season.

The first encounter on the list was with the Bluffton Tigers, Decatur's old, old rival. The feel of the uniforms and crashing bodies was good to the boys and they brought home a 13-0 victory. The next Friday, however, it was a very different story. Having again advanced upon enemy territory, Auburn, with beautiful but deadly blocking and good runs, trimmed Decatur 38-0. Next came Central on the home

ground, who won by a score of 20-13.

On October 2, Decatur again received visitors. This time it was the Portland Panthers, who took a 25-0 defeat back with them. The boys were ready for anything by now, but the Garrett Railroaders stopped the thrust the next week with a 13-0 defeat. For the sixth game of the season the team journeyed to Columbia City. Here it was the same story, still in the opponent's favor—Columbia City, 13, Decatur 0.

Now, along came the last game of the season. So far Decatur had won two and lost four, and the Tigers of Bluffton were coming up for the last game of the season. Of all the contenders, D. H. S. tried hardest to beat Bluffton. Then, too, it was the last high school game for some of the boys. They absolutely wanted to win it and went in there, not pitching, but running and blocking. It was a good, tough game, but the Tigers scored six points after a Yellow Jacket fumble—the only score of the game. Try as they did, they just couldn't get the ball over—Bluffton 6, Decatur 0.

Many of the lettermen remained on the team for another year, and with them went wishes for the best luck in the world, and a very successful season.

V STANDS FOR VICTORY

Bill Bumgardner

Donn Liby

*Bill Bumgardner
'77*

Bill Bromer

Kenneth McConnell

James Cochran

Floyd Reed

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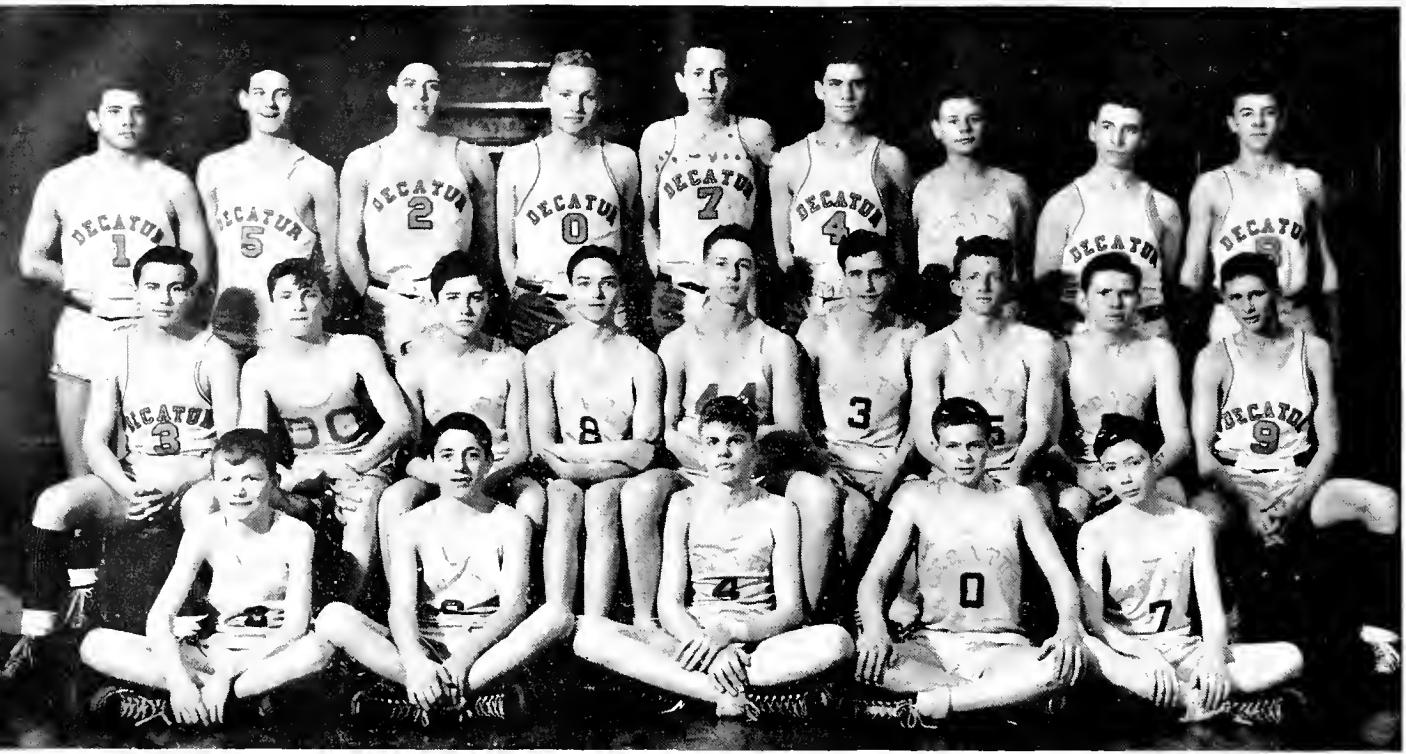
John Spahr

John Spahr

The Captain

Murvel Andrews

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BASKETBALL SQUAD

First Row: Roger Schnepf, Fred Steiner, Ted Hill, Don Eichar, Leigh Nelson.

Second Row: Kenneth McConnell, Tom Colter, Junior Kaehr, Max Ogg, Bernard Brooks, Bill Porter, Ronald Pierce, Eugene Lough, Bill Bumgardner.

Third Row: Bill Bromer, James Cochran, John Spahr, Murvel Andrews, Floyd Reed, James Eichhorn, Robert Mutschler, Jack Garner, Donn Liby.

OUR FIGHTING GORILLAS, PARDON, I MEAN GUERILLAS

The Decatur basketball team held a fifty-fifty score this year, winning nine games and losing nine games. After the new coach, Dan Perry, got the team going, they went to town in true Decatur fashion. Of course, they had their bad games as some scores will tell. However, they had some pretty good games, too, as the other tallies show. On the whole the Decatur fans were well pleased with the whole basketball season.

The team was mainly composed of juniors. The senior end of it was nicely handled by "Whitey" Andrews and Donn Liby. The sophomore strength was furnished by Bill Bromer and Tom Colter.

The Jackets got off on the wrong foot in the first three games, losing to Portland 20-23, New Haven 27-35, and to Garrett 26-30.

Then the team let go with its offensive, beating Hoagland 25-22 and Geneva 37-32. They tangled with the Bluffton Tigers only to come out the loser of a 32-45 score. The Jackets then got good and mad, beating Berne 44-36, and went on to beat the celebrated Monroe Bearcats, 41-35.

The Jackets now went into a slump, bowing to Auburn 32-54 and Central 13-52. The next week the team beat Huntington in a thrilling game 31-28.

The Jackets next lost to Columbia City 20-30 and to Bluffton 20-35. The next game found them winners over Pleasant Mills 36-14. They were then beaten by the New Haven Bulldogs 39-46.

Out for revenge, the Yellow Jackets splendidly ended the 1942-43 basketball season by beating Hartford City 30-29, Kendallville 39-16, and Berne 36-27.

The boys were now ready for the sectional tournament. They worked and trained and sweated and groaned. Coach Perry had them in fine condition, though one of the boys said he was never so tired of beef-steak as he was during the tourney. The Jackets knocked off Geneva 39-27. Then they really showed their power against Kirkland, downing the Kangaroos 36-19. In the final game against Monroe, the Jackets weren't in their true form and Monroe was hitting fifty per cent of her shots. The Yellow Jackets lost 23-36, vowing to win next year.

Forty-two



Coach Daniel Perry

FIGHTIN' JUNIOR YELLOW JACKETS

The Junior Yellow Jackets, who will form the nucleus for future Yellow Jacket teams, had a short season this year. Coach "Steve" Everhart devoted most of his time teaching his proteges the fundamentals of the game. In future years we will see how well these boys have learned their lessons in cooperating and sportsmanship from Coach Everhart.

The reason for the shortness of the season this year was that due to tire and gas rationing only one out of town game was played, and that with Bluffton. Coach Everhart thus organized an intramural league made up of the sixth, seventh, and eighth grades. This type of competition enabled many more boys to take part in an organized basketball league and gave them more experience for their high school careers. This league had six teams with eight players on each team. The names of the teams and captains, respectively, were Flashes, Gallogly; Bears, Smitley; Eagles, Haley; Spitfires, Ahr; Commandos, Baughn; Thunderbolts, Gentis. Games were played after school in the Lincoln School gym. The winner of the first half of the league was the Flashes they also won the second half despite stiff opposition from the rest of the teams. Thus, no playoff was needed to decide the championship.

In the short season of the Junior Jackets, they were not very successful. Coach Everhart had the job of building a team from scratch. He did not have any players back from his first ten the previous year. The team this year had a majority of seventh graders and was completed with eighth graders.

The junior high had some tough luck this year by losing the coveted Wernhoff trophy in the city series to the St. Joe quintet. The first game was won by St. Joe by a close score of 8 to 6. Junior high came back the second game and won 20 to 15. The third game, however, St. Joe turned on the power and won by the score of 25 to 13. These boys will bear watching, because they will make up our future Decatur teams.

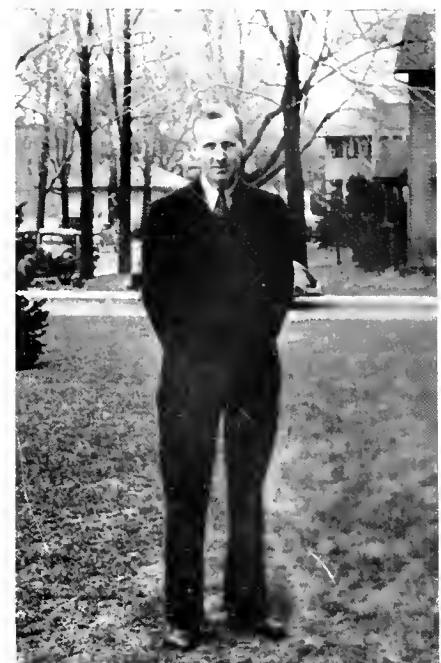
Below are the Junior Yellow Jacket's game scores for this year:

Junior High.....	9	Bluffton	40
Junior High.....	11	St. Joe	14 (practice game)
Junior High.....	6	St. Joe	8
Junior High.....	20	St. Joe	15
Junior High.....	13	St. Joe	25

JUNIOR HIGH SQUAD

First Row: Raymond Lehman, Stanley McBride, Robert McAlhany, Bruce Baughn, Robert Haley, Tom Garner.

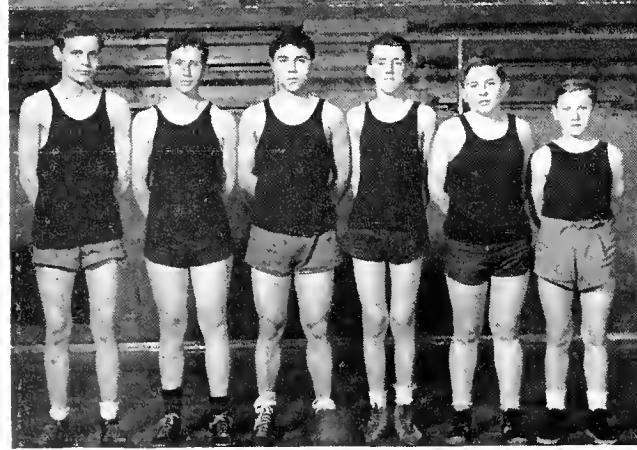
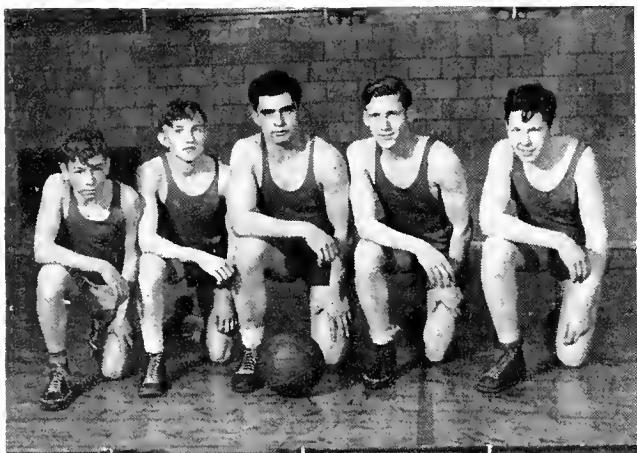
Second Row: Calvin Smitley, Lawrence Gallogly, Max Mech, Raymond Ralston, Thomas Ahr, Herman Andress, Ronald Hill.



Coach "Steve" Everhart



INSIDE DOPE



Top, left to right: Charles Chilcote, Norman Steury, Charles Arnold, Robert Ray, Donald Brunnegraff.

Center, left to right: Norman Steury, Vernon Johnson, Charles Cook, Jerry Ketchum, James Pollock.

Bottom, left to right: Rex Heare, Roger Knapp, LaVerne Roth, Paul Morgan, Donald Wolfe, Donald Marbaugh.

For several years Mr. Dorwin had sponsored the intramural games, giving opportunity to all boys of the senior high to play basketball. Together with the fun of it all, it promoted good feeling and cooperation between students. This year as basketball got into full swing he issued the call for participants. They didn't need coaxing. Exactly fifty men came out. Six captains were chosen from the fifty and formed their teams.

The Hornets were the champions. They won four out of five games in the first period and three out of five games during the second period. They were captained by Brice Breiner. Ronald Pierce, Frank Young, Ed Boknecht, Richard Cottrell, Fred Pickford, Bob Marbaugh, Leo Borne, and Bill Marbaugh made up the rest of this championship team.

The Flashes were next best team. They won four out of five games in the first period and three out of five games in the second period. They lost to the Hornets in the playoff at the close of the season. Mervin Taylor was captain of this team. His henchmen were Lewis Schnepp, Troy Fennig, Karl Johnson, Melvin Taylor, Gene Foreman, Dick Sheets, and Keith Gilpin.

The Marcons also had a pretty good team. They won three out of five games during the first

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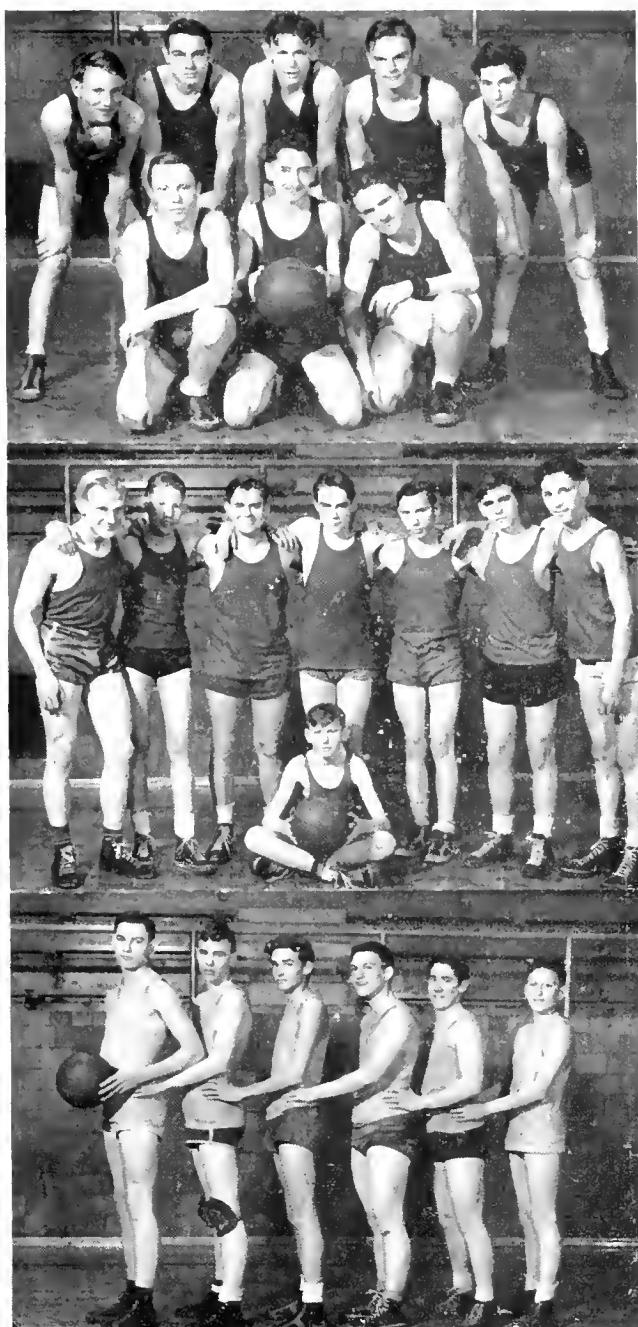
half and four out of five games during the last half. They, however, lost out in the playoff. Their captain was Bob Ray. The rest of the team were Charles Arnold, Barney Brocks, Junior Myers, Dick Gehrig, Charles Chilcote, Dick Lichtenstiger, and Don Brunnegraff.

Another group made up of Bob McClenahan, Don Wolfe, George Alton, LaVerne Roth, Paul Morgan, Bud Crider, Don Marbaugh, Roger Knapp was captained by Rex Heare and was called the Bears. They won three out of their first five games and three games during the final period. They had a pretty good team when they started clicking.

The Avengers were composed of Alvin Rickord, Bob Christen, Charles Peterson, Don Williams, Jerry Lichtenstiger, Don Pickford, Bob August, and Everett Arthur, captain. They won two games out of the first five that they played and three games out of their second five.

The Eagles, likewise, won two from a possible five during the first half and three out of five the second period. They were as follows: Norman Steury, the captain, Ray Schwartz, Roy Cock, Roger Staley, Jerry Ketchum, Max Leonardson, Jim Pollock, and Vernon Johnson.

The year came to a successful close for all those participating in intramural basketball.



Top, first Row: Richard Cottrell, Frank Young, Robert Marbaugh.
Second Row: William Marbaugh, Bries Breiner, Fred Pickford, Edwin Boknecht, Leo Borne.

Center, Sitting: Donald Pickford, Donald Grote, Jerry Lichtenstiger, Robert August, Donald Williams, Charles Peterson, Everett Arthur, Robert Christen.

Bottom: Richard Sheets, Karl Johnson, Troy Fennig, Mervin Taylor, Gene Foreman, Melvin Taylor.



BASEBALL

Sitting: Lauren Arnold, Warren Arnold.

First Row: William Marbaugh, Everett Arthur, Raymond Schwartz, Ronald Pierce, Charles Peterson, Kenneth McConnell.

Second Row: Robert Mutschler, Robert Ray, Floyd Reed, Alvin Rickford, James Eichhorn, Murvel Andrews, James Cochran, Roy Bleke.



Coach Dorwin

BASEBALL BOOSTS MORALE

Soon after the close of the basketball season, with the coming of spring, the boys turned their attention to the national pastime of baseball. D. H. S. began to see the local editions of Bob Feller and Joe DiMaggio lugging baseballs, spikes, and gloves around school.

Coach Deane Dorwin sent out a call and a large number of veterans and a few new rookies responded to fill the gaps in the lineup. We had five of last year's team with us: "Whitey" Andrews, Jim Eichhorn, Jim Cochran, Alvin Rickord, and Floyd Reed. Those last by graduation were Don Fruchte, Bill Lynch, and LaVerne Kitchen. The ninth man, Lewis Schnepf, had entered the armed services.

Having lost the N. E. I. C. A. trophy last year, the first time in four consecutive years, Decatur had a good chance of winning back the trophy this season. However, there was no assurance there would be a tournament this year.

Jim Eichhorn, Floyd Reed, and Jim Cochran carried the pitching burdens this year. "Whitey" Andrews and Alvin Rickord, handled the catching positions; Reed, Cochran, Bob Ray, and "Red" Pierce rounded out the infield; Ray Schwartz, Brice Breiner, Kenny McConnell, Alvin Rickord, and the rest of the rookies were the flycatchers of the team.

Although conditions were abnormal this year, the Jackets had some games lined up with most of the usual contenders. There were games with Berne, Wren, Bluffton, Portland, and Willshire. They closed with a successful season and the best wishes of the school behind the team.



TRACK

First Row: Richard Abbott, Don Eichar, Gerald Springer, Junior Myers, Richard Coltrrell, Thomas Colter.

Second Row: Coach Perry, William Bromer, Howard Foreman, John Spahr, Jerry Leitz, Manfred Melchi, Barney Brooks, Paul Bucher, Assistant Coach Everhart.

TRACK BUILDS STAMINA

This year track, after an absence of several years, again put in its appearance in the Decatur High School athletic program.

Coach Perry brought forth the idea of again having a team. It was heartily received by many hopeful applicants. Mr. Perry and Mr. Everhart had charge.

Under present conditions it was important that all who could, should take part in some sport.

Much rebuilding and work was needed on the track. The boys themselves and the industrial art department helped out on this. Due to this reconstruction the conditioning period for the boys was cut short. Also there were no meets scheduled on the home track since there was a shortage of equipment and space.

The boys practiced the high jump, pole vaulting, broad jump, dashes, sprints, putting the shot, the mile, and other runs.

Although it takes several years to build up a team to what it should be, the boys worked hard and made a very good showing. The nucleus of the team was Bromer, Spahr, and Abbott. Other upperclassmen were Dale Von Gunten, Jerry Leitz, Manfred Melchi, and Howard Foreman.

Mr. Everhart helped prepare the boys in his commando class. His boys competed for certificates in the mile, half mile, quarter mile, high jump, and broad jump. This helped build endurance and speed.

The high point of the season was the N. E. I. Conference meet at Auburn. Kendallville was the host school. The Cinder Crews of many other schools took part.



Richard Abbott

GETTING READY

Bang! With that one bang the D. H. S. girls changed from just athletes to "Jenny Commandos." The trend this year seems to be physical fitness. So many men, boys, women, and girls are going into the nation's service that those in high school will soon have to take their places in civilian life, or perhaps they too will enter the service. Everything was changed this year. Physical education was given to juniors and seniors, as well as to the sophomores and freshmen. Due to the need for stronger bodies and alert minds, the government decided on commando training. During war time the need for personal fitness becomes more and more important. Over-exertion is just as bad if not worse than idleness. Those who planned to engage in strenuous recreational activities had to have a medical examination.

Mr. Brown was on the job from the very beginning arranging schedules for the new program and issuing blanks for the doctors' examinations. All of the commandos filed into the doctors' offices to get a check-up and to see how strenuous the exercises could be for them. If you could have seen the girls' faces when they came out, you would have thought they had been to a circus instead of the doctor, for they all passed with flying colors.

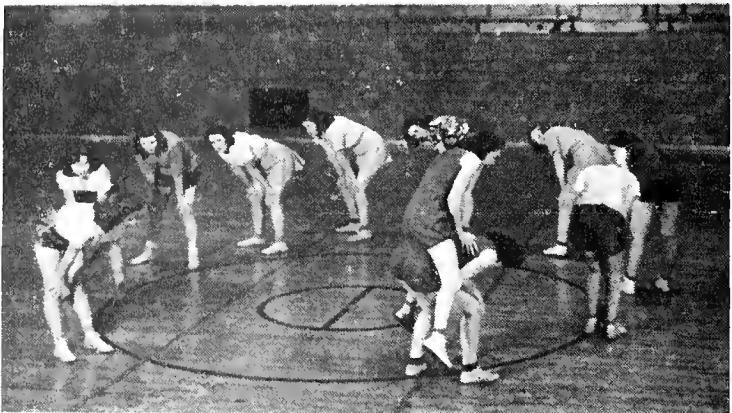
There was no dilly-dallying around this year with the stepped-up program. No awards were given nor were any basketball teams organized. Four days a week the girls concentrated on developing muscles they didn't know they had. The fifth day they learned first aid and bandaging, and by the end of the year the bandages really looked professional.

To begin this muscle-building process, Miss Pumphrey taught the girls to march in ranks, in star formation, and to take commands. At the end of each class the girls ran a few laps around the gym floor.

The boys didn't have anything over these "SHE-MEN" when it came to calisthenics. The girls were right in there working. Many were so stiff it was all they could do to crawl home after school.

Mat work and no more strained muscles. Oh, such blessed relief! Whoops, wrong again! Sure, they had fun, too; they played games that weren't so hard on their muscles: broncho tag, red-white-blue war, and lots of others.

When Miss Pumphrey thought the girls "fittin'" and toughened up enough with the exercises, she started them to work on their efficiency tests.



Push up, Rocker, Rocking,
Leap Frog
Circle Tag
Wand Drill

FOR THE ARMY

These were some of the tests: shooting baskets, hop-step-jump, forward roll, potato race, jump and reach, volley ball serves, baseball hits, and endurance in doing twenty-five push-ups, and running around the gym twenty-five times. If a feat was completely accomplished, one hundred points were awarded. Seventy-five, fifty, and twenty-five points were awarded according to the ability of the girl if the feat was not completely accomplished. The junior girls ranked highest as a class. Some who ranked individually were: Leona Bultemeier, Colleen Miller, Barbara Hoblet, Phyllis Owens, Norma Baker, Helen Frank, Bonnie Melchi, and Edna Mae Schultz.

Now after all of this indoor work the portals were opened and out tramped the ruffians. They were off on one of those long invigorating hikes that took them all over town. They filled their lungs with the good spring air (Brrrrr) and trotted off. This was just the beginning of the outdoor fun. Marching tactics, tennis, badminton, aerial dart, and softball were among the outdoor games in which they participated. Who said women were the weaker sex?

After the efficiency tests were finished we had a short, snappy volley ball tournament which ended in the "Battle of the (Female) Sexes." We decided our commando training was progressing too rapidly so we went back to calisthenics and rope climbing.

Speaking of angels—or weren't we—you should see us climb the ropes and then hang suspended by our teeth—pardon—our arms! We were trying to learn the Hanging Angel but guess we just weren't the type, although we had an angel's outlook when we finally reached the top of the stage.

After all of this muscle work the girls took first aid. Bandaging was taken up first. The different types of bandages were explained in class and then the girls tried to apply them. A bit clumsy at first but—. The first step done the girls forwarded to splinting and knot tying. Quite a time they had, too. Those board splints must have been made to use on giants because there was just too much board for the girls.

Artificial respiration was taken up next, and for weeks all you could hear was "Out goes the bad air; in comes the good."

All was well and good when out of a blue sky Miss Pumphrey started giving tests of practical application. Ah, well, such is LIFE.

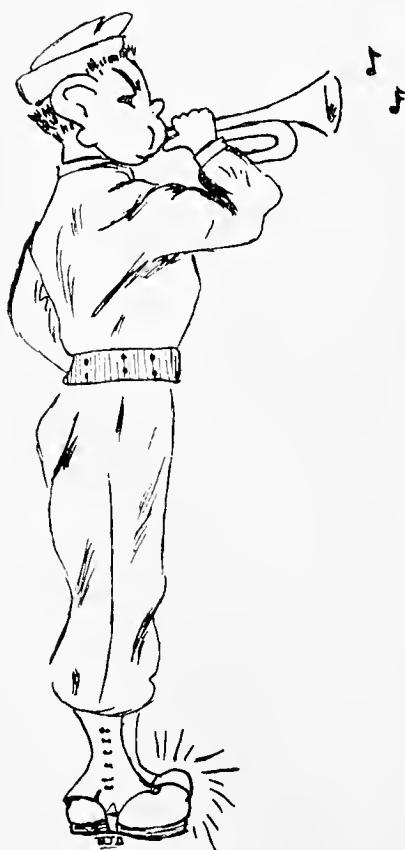


V for Victory
Basketball Free Throw
Tumbling
Artificial Respiration

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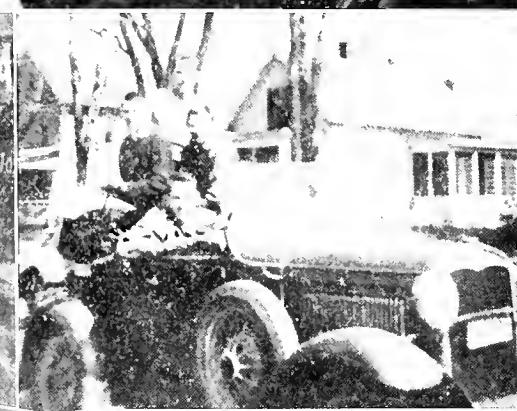
DRAMA

MUSIC



ANOTHER CUP OF TEA? NO SUGAR?

Johnny Commando calls Reveille. He bids you to get up early to see what goes on in our high school. The gang always finds "Lane's Prodigies" at the old hang-out. Keep it flying! Music is good for the soul. Our chapel entertainers. Tootlin' Suzy-que Roop. Bob Ray relaxes. Jack's Xylophone Band. Distinguished baseball player, Grover Cleveland Alexander and manager. Red's blunder buggy. Gabfest's out. Mardi Gras. Keith and Manfred rolling (on) the green. School's out—point rationing. Commercial Club feed.



AND EVEN THEY

HOWLING HOSTS

Side picture, first row: Donald Roeder, Miles Gerberding, Robert Marbaugh, Don Brunnegraff, Jerry Lichtenstiger, Ronald Stucky.

Second Row: Robert McClenahan, Bill Hawkins, Paul Rickord, Mervin Taylor, Bill Jo Feasel, Cal Peterson, Don Eichar, LaVerne Roth.

Third Row: Don Kirsch, Richard Knapp, Donn Liby, Floyd Reed, David Langston, Jim Cochran, Bill Bromer, Bill Porter, Richard Lichtenstiger.



Bottom picture, first row: Robert Christen, Roger Knapp, Norman Steury, Roger Staley, Jerry Leitz.

Second Row: Frank Young, George Alton, Gene Foreman, Donald Williams, Gene Myers, Jack Garner, Junior Kaehr, Howard Foreman.

Third Row: Robert August, Manfred Melchi, Barney Brooks, Junior Pickford, Alvin Rickord, Dale Von Guntten, Bud Crider, Charles Arnold, Keith Hammond.



HOWLING HOSTS

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Richard Abbott, Roger Schnepf, Mr. Dorwin, Bill Bromer, Kenneth McConnell



and Robert McClenahan, secretary-treasurer. To assist the regular officers in the execution of the duties, it was decided that an advisory council be named. Four students were named, with each senior high school class being represented by one member. The members were Richard Abbott, representing the senior class; Kenneth McConnell, the junior class; Bill Bromer, the sophomores; and Roger Schnepf, the freshman class. Deane Dorwin and William Ives were chosen as guardian co-sponsors.

Mr. Dorwin, a history and English teacher, has been at the helm of the organization for a good many years. Also he is head coach of the baseball team. Mr. Ives, who taught agriculture and biology, obtained a leave of absence to join the Army Air Corps during the year. He also assisted Mr. Perry

YELL FOR VICTORY

as assistant football coach. Everybody agreed that both were well liked and capable.

Another task accomplished by the Howling Hosts this year was the election of the male yell leaders. For these positions Bill Eichhorn and Ronald "Rusty" Pierce were chosen. After the election "Rusty" became a member of the basketball team, so it left Bill as the lone boy to team up with the girl yell leaders.

The Howling Hosts have given way to the war effort as has almost every other peace-time organization. Because of the war projects carried on by the school, the amount of time left for staging social activities for the members of the whole student body was strictly limited. After the home basketball games, the Howling Hosts sponsored a dance



OFFICERS

President, Donald Liby; **Vice President**, Charles Arnold
Secretary-Treasurer, Robert McClenahan



HOWLING HOSTS

Top picture, first row: Jerry Ketchum, Charles Chilcote, Frank Lundin, Richard Gunder, Don Pickford, Jim Pollock.

Second Row: Don Wolfe, Bill Eichhorn, Richard Saylor, Leigh Nelson, Ted Hill, Bill Bumgardner, Eugene Lyons, Karl Kolter, Tam Colter.

Third Row: Russell Stanley, Charles Peterson, Paul Bucher, Roy Bleeke, Edward Walters, Brice Breiner, Max Burdg, Max Ogg, Everett Arthur

Side picture, first row: Melvin Taylor, Earl Venis, Arthur Franz, Jack Rayer, Ronald Pierce, Raymond Schwartz, Robert Schnepf.

Second Row: Roy Cook, Don Springer, Dwight Marshall, Richard Abbott, Leo Borne, Carey Knittle, Richard Gehrig, William Downs, Paul Morgan.

Third Row: Don Grote, Melvin Thieme, Jack Shady, James Eichhorn, Murvel Andrews, John Spahr, Bob Mutschler, Bill Whittredge, Robert Ray, Kenneth McConnell.

in the music room; but by the middle of the year, this also had given way to other things. By using the money collected from these dances and other events, it was hoped that in the near future some accessories could be added to the school.

The sportsmanship and attitude of the members during and after athletic contests was very good this past year. At all the games the boys really did some yelling and cheering, but they refrained from boozing and other unsportsmanlike acts. Of course in really tough ball games, in which the score was close, almost anything could happen and an occasional "Bronx Cheer" was heard; but this should be treated as the exception, rather than the rule.

The future of the organization was very bright, and with continued interest of prospective members, it should continue to be so. Although the membership this year was not too large, the organization functioned smoothly, and every member felt it an honor to belong to such an organization.





OFFICERS

Ann Maddox, treasurer; Vera Steury, secretary; Alice Roth, president; Belva Burke, vice president.

School had only commenced a short time before the girls began to ask for the organization of this year's Pep Champs. Since its formation in 1932, it has risen to be a greater and more popular organization than ever before.

The Pep Champs were first organized as a club for sponsoring athletic enthusiasm among the girls in the year of 1932; they were reorganized in 1933. In the first year of organization, the girls wore purple tams decorated with gold letters spelling "Pep-C." The girls all carried pennants with "Decatur High School" printed on them. These made a very impressive sight, waving in time to the old school song. For some reason, these pennants did not prove quite satisfactory and were disposed of in the next few years.

To be eligible to join the Pep Champs, a girl must be a purchaser of either a season basketball ticket or football ticket. This year the roll was called for 126 members. They chose, at the first meeting, Miss Pumphrey and Miss Elzey, as the co-sponsors. Other

OUR FUTURE WAACS,

officers were elected as follows: Alice Roth, president; Belva Burke, vice president; Vera Steury, secretary; Ann Maddox, treasurer. The business transactions being completed, the girls centered their interests in the selection of yell leaders. The yell leaders, elected jointly by the Pep Champs and Howling Hosts, were Bill Eichhorn, Helen Hazelwood, Belva Burke, and Red Pierce. Once again the yell leaders, who were clad in dazzling white costumes, drew many favorable comments from the many spectators, who attended the games.

With the beginning of the football season, the Pep Champ girls were not caught napping. The refreshment stand operated by the girls was a source of enjoyment to all; especially to a multitude of spectators who seemed to be as hungry as ever.

With the closing of the football season,



PEP CHAMPS

Top, first row: Lenore Fuelling, Mary Jane Schaffier, Betty Gallogly, Charleen Shackley, Jo Ann McMillan, Lois Eady.

Second Row: Jean Strahn, Greta Bleke, Wanda Busse, Norma Eady, Mary Alice Beineke, Barbara Hoblet, Margaret Baker, Juanita Maloney, Pauline Brintzenhoff, Naomi Brown.

Third Row: June Ward, Betty Baumgartner, Betty Irwin, Patricia Kitson, Betty Weber, Kathleen Shackley, Bonnie Roop, Margery Linn, Wilma Wilson.

Side, first row: Ava Nelle Kraft, Beatrice Light, Patricia Garner, Virginia Venis, Norma Hazelwood, Ann Maddox, Joan Metzger, Irene Andress.

Second Row: Geraldine Ray, Mary Pallock, Harriet Christen, Phyllis McFarland, Beverly Hakes, Betty Werst, Francile Reidenbach, Alice Sheets, Kathryn Slusher.

Third Row: Lois Mitchell, Anna Lou Chilcote, Selma Koenemann, Joan Bodle, Donna Gilpen, Anna Catherine Friedley, Evelyn Andrews, Phyllis Owens, Elizabeth Macy, Mary Jo Butler.



WAVES, AND SPARS

PEP CHAMPS

Side, first row: Lois Baughman, Lois Chronister, Laven Strickler, Jane Maddox, Rosamond Graham, Ruth Joan Miller, Colleen Miller, Vera Steury.

Second Row: Margaret Fruchte, Joan Krick, Betty Sauter, Joan Hamma, Gloria Striker, Virginia Huker, Helen Hazelwood, Marelyn Schultz, Patricia Edwards, Dorothy Hammond.

Third Row: Joyce Roop, Juanita Fruchte, Kathleen McConnell, Edna Mae Schultz, Leona Holle, Bonnie Melchi, Norma Baker, Mary Jo Krick, Helen Frank, Ruth Yost, Donnabelle Roop.

Bottom: first row: Norma Werling, Belva Burke, Clarice Anspaugh, Clarice Sauer, Lola Ruth Grove, Waunetia Schnepp.

Second Row: Eloise Jackson, Betty Roop, Mary Moore, Alice Roth, Kathryn Yager, Dorothy Gerber, Jean Slusher, Florence Hoffman, Arline Roop, Ardella Miller.

Third Row: Mary Bollinger, Janice Feasel, Isabelle White, Doris Adler, Lillian Koenemann, Geraldine Andrews, Mary Lou Robinson, Marjorie Schnepp, Irene Brocks, Helen Owens.



PEP CHAMPS

and the opening of the basketball season, the girls anxiously awaited the time for purchasing season tickets. After the mad rush was over, it was found that a large number of tickets had been sold.

This year our school had the honor of being chosen for the third consecutive year as host for the sectional tourney. It was the Pep Champs who acted as the hostesses for the visiting students.

In spite of our defeat at the sectional, much can be said of its success, and you can be sure that the Pep Champs will be on hand next year to cheer their teams on to even higher heights than sectional winners.

As is always the custom, the Pep Champs sponsored its annual chapel program, the first part of this year. The program was both entertaining as well as unusual, since the principal subject was a magician. The

audience was delighted when he placed his assistant in a box that was then padlocked, and then after placing a curtain around the box, traded places with the assistant without unlocking the locks on the box.

His assistant, who was a piano player also, delighted her audience with a mental telepathy act. Members of the audience requested different songs without any signal or apparent communication between the magician and the pianist, who would immediately play the piece asked for.

To the very fortunate underclassmen who are lucky enough to have some remaining years in this high school, the senior members of the Pep Champs hope that you will have as much fun as they have had and will learn many valuable things from your association with as worthy an organization as the Pep Champs. May you carry on the traditions of school and at the same time think and carry out your most cherished plans for a better organization in the future.

Miss Elzey and Miss Pumphrey, Sponsors





COMMERCIAL CLUB OFFICERS

Above: Officers: Lois Baughman, president; Kathryn Yager, treasurer; Dorothy Gerber, vice president; Arline Roop, secretary.

Once again the Commercial Club came to the end of another successful year.

At the beginning of the school year, a meeting was held for the purpose of electing officers. As had been customary, the senior members of the Commercial Club were the only ones that participated in the election. Lois Baughman was elected to lead the group as president; Dorothy Gerber, vice president; Arline Roop, secretary; Kathryn Yager, treasurer.

This year the Commercial Club had a membership of sixty students. However, several of its members were forced to withdraw from the club when they left school to join the armed forces of the United States. To become a member of the Commercial Club there were several requirements that had to be met by each student. Each of the sixty members had to take at least one commercial subject, had to have passing grades in all his subjects,

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and had to be an upperclassman (junior or senior). There were a number of commercial subjects from which these clerical-minded students might choose. Some of these subjects were as follows: typing, shorthand, bookkeeping, business English, commercial geography, and commercial arithmetic. Many of the members combined several of these subjects to give them more information in commercial work so that in later years they will have a background for a definite business in the commercial line.

To better the students socially, a party was planned for the evening of January 14, 1943. The members all turned out for the affair and the evening was started off with a delicious carry-in supper. After everyone had eaten as much as he could, and a little more too, the lively students then went to the music room where a dance was held. Everyone enjoyed himself and the party proved a big success.

To put the club in a better financial status and also to provide a little entertainment for the rest of the students of D. H. S., the



COMMERCIAL CLUB

Side, First Row: Lois Eady, Marjorie McAlhany, Jean Slusher, Betty Werst, Phyllis Owens, Irene Brooks, Helen Hazelwood, Lois Baughman.

Second Row: Harriet Christen, Evelyn Andrews, Kathleen Shackley, Betty Weber, Lola Ruth Grove, Juanita Maloney, Pauline Brintzenhoff, Francile Reidenbach, Phyllis McFarland.

Third Row: Selma Koenemann, Florence Hoffman, Ronald Pierce, Edwin Boknecht, Jim Cochran, Murvel Andrews, Jim Eichhorn, Crin Crider, Donald Roeder, Mervin Taylor, Marjorie Schnepf, Dorothy Hammond.

NEEDS YOUR HELP

Commercial Club edited a scandal sheet, known to all the students as the "Gab-Fest." The editors of this gossip column were Barbara Kohls, Lillian Koenemann, Donald Roeder, and Mervin Taylor. This paper told all the latest news and gossip about all the unsuspecting students and teachers. It brought forth smiles, tears, sneers, and laughter; but it was received by most of the students in the spirit that it was intended, that of a little fun. This year the Commercial Club did its part for the boys in service by sending "Gab-Fests" to

many graduates of D. H. S.

As in preceding years, the Commercial Club sponsored a chapel program featuring Eiffel Plasterer, who entertained by blowing different shapes and sizes of soap bubbles. The feature of the program took place when Mr. Plasterer surrounded one of the students with a large bubble by the aid of a hoop which he brought up over the student. This was a very entertaining program as well as unique.

This year the Commercial Club was faced



Above: Mr. Anderson and Mr. Millikan, sponsors.

with a greater problem than it had ever faced before, that of sacrificing some of its material for the war effort. Under government regulations, the school was forced to give up one-third of its typewriters. This caused an overflowing in some classes, but the students quickly adjusted themselves to the shortage and soon were poring over their typing in earnest enthusiasm.

The Commercial Club once again was in the capable hands of Mr. Anderson and Mr. Millikan, who acted as sponsors. Although faced with shortages and trying to speed things along for the war effort, these sponsors brought the Commercial Club through with flying colors. Through their help, the Commercial Club brought forth its purpose: that of socially benefiting its members, and the fostering of an interest in commercial work. Thus we closed this year's work, hoping that in the future the Commercial Club would keep on with its beneficial work.

COMMERCIAL CLUB

Side, First Row: Virginia Venis, Ardella Miller, Arline Roop, Mary Jane Shaffer, Belva Burke, Norma Werling.

Second Row: Elva Mae Jackson, Erna Bultemeier, Joan Krick, Leona Bultemeier, Kathryn Yager, Dorothy Gerber, Mary Bollinger, Erma Lillich, Ava Nelle Kraft.

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HOME EC. CLUB

Group One



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Kathryn Andrews, Treasurer; Anna Lou Chilcote, Vice President; Jean Strahm, President; Elaie Jackson, News Reporter; Wilma Wilson, Secretary.

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Second Row: Evelyn Frohnapfel, Phyllis Teeters, Hettie Davenport, Donna Gilpen, Betty Erwin, Imogene McFarland, Ardena Kirchner.



The home economic girls of D. H. S. had a very interesting year although their activities were somewhat limited by the rationing of foodstuffs. The annual Boy Scout banquet was prepared by the girls under the careful supervision of Miss Worthman. The band was also served refreshments at their party. After this the girls decided to treat themselves to a party, which was held before a ball game.

The advanced girls joined the ranks of others who were preparing themselves for most any emergency by taking a course of first aid. Visitors were surprised to see victims wrapped in bandages on the floor. The war had demonstrated the need of clear-thinking persons who would know how to react under the most trying circumstances. Miss Worthman supervised them in this endeavor.

One of the other things the girls did this year was to learn to use the well-known needle and thread. The hum of sewing machines was constantly in your ears. The girls learned what, when, and how to wear their clothes. Making your own clothes proved to be not only profitable but also an interesting pastime.

The ration store which the girls created and managed during the second ration book registration, was very unique, in fact, the only one of its kind in the state. The store was supplied with various commodities. Equipped with shelves and a counter, it seemed like a real store. The many housewives, who were very

IS IMPORTANT TOO

HOME EC. CLUB

Group One

First Row: Marjorie Springer, Patricia Garner, Phyllis Venis, Viola Steele, Kathryn Fisher, Catherine Andrews, Jean Lautenschlager.

Second Row: Mary Adeline Holthouse, Mary McGill, Ruth Myers, Joan Boile, Betty Roop, Catherine Baxter.

Group Two

First Row: Onna Lee Zimmerman, Eloise Jackson, Gao Bleeke, Mary Pollock, Anna Lou Chilcote, Joan McMillen.

Second Row: Jean Strahm, Wilma Wilson, Marcie Schnepp, Bonnie Roop, Phyllis Huffman, Juanita Schnepp, Betty Baumgartner.



Miss Worthman sets up a store in order to instruct the uninitiated how to purchase under the point system.



Students' mouths watered as the aromatic odor of cookies and such arose from the kitchen. These girls knew how to bake, even if there were times when they almost gave up with exhaustion. Often the wail of some unfortunate girl would come, "Heavens, these are burnt to a crisp!" But as the old proverb advises, "Practice makes perfect," they tried again. Success!

The girls helped with the pageant by making part of the scenery and by running numerous errands. After many trials we finally succeeded in obtaining the right shade of blue for the screens.

The following officers were elected: Jean Strahm, president; Anna Lou Chilcote, vice president; Wilma Wilson, secretary; Catherine Andrews, treasurer; and Eloise Jackson, news-reporter.

All in all the club had a successful year. Believing that experience is the best teacher, they learned much that is essential and worth while to their education.

much in doubt if they would ever understand the point value system, were helped. Numerous posters on meals prepared from non-rationed items added to the helpfulness of the store. The compliments were numerous for the guidance received there.

Along with many of the shortages created by war came a realization that home nursing and child care were assuming places of great importance in every community. To help in these fields, the girls were given many hours of experience in making beds, charting, taking temperatures, and other related duties of nursing. The proper care of children was taught, and many a girl discovered there was more to that duty than making cooing noises and funny faces at the child.

During the first semester many stu-



OFFICERS: Fred Pickford, Vice President; Robert Ray, Secretary-Treasurer; Alice Owens, President.

PAINTS AND BRUSHES

Early last September, soon after the beginning of school, nearly twenty art students gathered in room 305 to organize for the 1942-1943 school term. At the organization meeting, the following officers were elected: Alice Owens, president; Robert Ray, secretary-treasurer and Fred Pickford, vice president.

This blithe group was kept busy by selling pins at the tournament and making tournament signs. The cupboards in the home economics kitchen were beautified with flower designs, which were painted by the art students under the guidance of Miss Kauffman.

The Color Wheel Club also took part in the war program of our school. The club was instrumental in the assembling of a war scrapbook that was given to the government to show what part our school has played in the war effort.

Each art student entered the county American Legion Poster Contest advertising the sale of poppies made by the veterans of World War I. First prize was won by Mary Bollinger. Erna Bultemeier placed second, and Charlene Shackley received honorable mention.

ART CLUB

Top, First Row: Charlene Shackley, Phyllis McFarland, Alice Owens, Elva Mae Jackson, Patricia Schnepp, Lenore Fuelling, Francile Reidenbach, Joan Cowens.

Second Row: Donald Springer, Jean Slusher, Harriet Christen, Fred Pickford, Erna Bultemeier, Mary Bollinger, Robert Ray.

Some more of the numerous ways in which these artists helped in the beautification of our school were the Christmas drawings, which were posted on the bulletin boards shortly before the holidays, and the pageant scenery. Two very large Christmas paintings were placed in the windows at each end of the school.

On April eighth, near the close of a laborious school year, these same few students and their guests gathered in the home economics room where they stuffed themselves with such typical picnic delicacies as sandwiches, pickles, baked beans, potato chips, and oh, yes, that all important "coke" that everyone hears so much about.

Some of the difficult assignments made by Miss Kauffman included stenciling, finger painting, linoleum blocking, the use of sketcho, tempera paints, water colors and sundry other types of painting.

In closing, "Long live the paint and brush brigade and may they march forever."

LEFT! RIGHT! FORWARD MARCH!

"The music goes down and around and comes out here" under the capable baton of Albert Sellemeyer.

The latest attraction of the band is the newly organized drum corps, which has sixteen members: Lois Baughman, Ava Nelle Kraft, Elva Mae Jackson, Belva Burke, Irene Brooks, Juanita Fruchte, Joyce Roop, Donnabelle Roop, Patricia Edwards, Kathryn Ann Edwards, Helen Franks, Mary Jo Krick, Marjorie McAlhany, Clarice Anspaugh, Virginia Huker, and the drum major, Barbara Kohls.

One of the band's most important tasks was to entertain the people at the football and basketball games. When the games were over, they began practicing for the summer concerts. Although the

band was not able to make its usual trips under present circumstances, it still met regularly for its three practices a week.

Instead of the annual band party, three jam sessions were held. Following a light luncheon, dancing was held in the band rooms.

Seven seniors were members of the band; they included Kathryn Yager, Lois Baughman, Joan Cowens, Janice Feasel, Elva Mae Jackson, Arline Roop, and Betty Sautter.

The officers of the high school band were Joan Cowens, Marjorie McAlhany and Irene Brooks.

The officers of the girls' band consisted of Belva Burke, Jane Maddox, and Joyce Roop.

BAND

Top Side: Donnabelle Roop, Vera Steury, Clarice Anspaugh, Marjorie McAlhany, Leona Holle

Bottom Side: Kathryn Ann Edwards, Joyce Roop, Ava Kraft, Mary Jo Krick, Helen Frank, Elva Mae Jackson, Lois Baughman, Belva Burke.

Bottom, first Row: Kathryn Yager, Ruth Joan Miller, Rosamond Grahm, Anna Marie Steury, Raymond Lehman, Jane Maddox, Norma Baker, Joan Breiner.

Second Row: Helen Baughman, Donna Jaberg, Eloise Jackson, Jean Mitchell, Edna Mae Schultz, Harold Nash, Lois Chronister, Margaret Baker, Jean Huker, Monna Venis, Arline Roop.

Third Row: Ronald Stucky, Colleen Miller, Bill Eichorn, Bonnie Melchi, Barbara Kohls, Janice Feasel, Joan Cowens, Marelyn Schultz, Ann Maddox, Bill Bromer.





Groups
Westward Migration
Scotch
Irish

PAGEANT
Groups
Spanish-American War
Statue of Liberty
Geo. Washington, Colonel Ross
and Robert Morris. Russian

Groups
French
British
Civil War Drum
Corps

"I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE"

The greatest event in the year of 1943 was the pageant, "I Pledge Allegiance," which was given by the students of the high school, including the members of the Glee Club, April 30. This pageant was substituted for the class plays which were given annually by the juniors and seniors.

The pageant was in three episodes: the first told the story of our flag, the second described the tidal wave of immigrants, and the third brought forth America and the part she is playing in the world affairs.

Miss Lewton, Miss Worthman, and Mr. Anderson were the supervisors of the pageant. Miss Haubold directed the music, and Miss Pumphrey the dancing.

The beautiful stage scenery which portrayed mountains, skyscrapers, and scenes of foreign countries was sketched under the supervision of Miss Kauffman, assisted by Mr. Perry and Mr. Ketchum.

The pageant opened with a fan fare of music followed by the introductory remarks of the narrator. "Old Glory" floated proudly in the breeze as the beautiful poem, "Your Flag and My Flag," was recited. A playlet, "The Betsy Ross Flag," portrayed the origin of the stars and stripes. Following the playlet the "National Anthem" was sung by Mrs. Walter Krick. A scene, depicting the watch of Francis Scott Key with our flag, symbolized the faith of millions of Americans.

The first episode was concluded with the Civil War Era. The military drill, and the popular songs of that day, "Marching Through Georgia," "Tenting on the Old Camp Ground," and "Battle Hymn of the Republic," were presented. This era gave rise to a new movement, "The Westward Migration," which was portrayed with the covered wagons and camp fires.



Groups

Welsh
World War 2
Swiss
Glee Club

PAGEANT

Groups

Spirit of '76
Francis Scott Key
Stage Managers

Groups

Spanish-American War
World War 1 Uncle Sam and Dutch
Supplication

"TO MY FLAG"

The second episode, the immigration period, brought forth many immigrants of various nationalities in their native dress, singing their folk songs and dancing folk dances. The Russian group dressed in very brilliant costumes sang a famous Russian song, "Vesper Hymn." The Swiss people sang "Swiss Skiing." The English song "God Save the King." The Scotch immigrants came forth with their favorite song, "Coming Thru the Rye," followed by the Irish singing, "When Irish Eyes are Smiling." The Dutch boy and girl danced to the tune, "Im Lauterbach." The immigrants from France sang their national hymn, "The Marseilles." The Welsh immigrants sang, "All Through the Night." The Americans sang, "Land of Hope and Glory." The second episode closed with the finale in which all immigrants sang, "I Pledge Allegiance to the Flag."

The final episode was divided into three eras. The first was the Spanish American War Period. A farce comedy presented Teddy Roosevelt and his "Rough Riders" cleaning up on Spain for the "Bombing of the Maine."

The second era, the World War I, was typified by a girl and her lover bidding each other farewell through the song, "Till We Meet Again."

The third era was the World War II period. It was a scene showing soldiers, sailors, marines, waacs, waves, nurses, war workers, and many others combining their efforts into the one working unit to defeat the Axis in order to keep "Old Glory Forever Afloat."

The finale of the pageant was the portrayal of the Statue of Liberty and the singing of the "Star Spangled Banner" by the ensemble.



GLEE CLUB

First Row: Lois Eady, Belva Burke, Marjorie McAlhany, Juanita Maloney, Joan Cowens, Marjorie Schnepf, Isabelle White, Erma Lillich, Janice Feasel, Helen Hazelwood, Lois Baughman.

Second Row: Irene Brocks, Beverly Hakes, Betty Werst, Alice Owens, Phyllis Owens, Evelyn Andrews, Francile Reidenbach, Don Grotz, Manfred Melchi, Norman Steury, Robert McClenahan, Raymond Schwartz, Red Pierce, Jean Slusher, Mary Jane Schaffer, Alice Roth, Kathryn Yager, Ardella Miller, Arline Roop.

Third Row: Beatrice Light, Kathleen Shackley, Betty Sautter, Joan Krick, Betty Weber, Barbara Kohls, Lillian Koenemann, Pauline Brintzenhofe, Sarah Bautwell, Leona Bultemeier, Elva M. Jackson, John Spahr, Robert Ray, Dale Von Gunten, Jerry Leitz, Edward Walters, Naomi Brown, Mary Bollinger, Doris Adler, Erna Bultemeier, Virginia Venis, Harriet Christen, Selma Koenemann, Florence Hoffman, Norma Weiling, Betty Gallogly, Leona Holle.

I HEAR AMERICA SINGING

Even though D. H. S. is crowded with commando activities, first aid, the Victory Corps, and etc., a Glee Club is still present. Music has long been considered a morale builder, and we are proud to be one of the schools which considers music an essential subject in its curriculum.

The Glee Club has become a tradition of our high school, and appreciative music lovers eagerly await its concerts.

In the fall sixty music-loving juniors and seniors met to enroll in the Glee Club under the capable direction of Miss Haubold. Everyone enjoyed this period, and sighs of disappointment were always heard when Mr. Brown announced that the periods would be shortened or that the third period (Glee Club) would be dropped.

This year the Boys' Glee Club and the Girls' Glee Club organized as one group instead of separately as in preceding years. The officers that were elected were as follows: Joan Cowens, president; Evelyn Andrews, vice president; Jerry Leitz, secretary; and Bob McClenahan, treasurer.

In the latter part of November, the Glee Club presented its annual fall concert. The Boys' Glee Club and the Girls' Glee Club each presented musical selections, and a number of songs were presented by the mixed group. A large appreciative audience attended the concert.

The Glee Club members were often called upon to furnish music for meetings and special programs in the community, as well as Navy Day, Armistice Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas programs of the school.

After Christmas vacation the weeks of preparation of the music for the pageant, "I Pledge Allegiance," was begun. Along with this, songs for baccalaureate and commencement were prepared as these two occasions, by tradition, are marked by the appearance of the Glee Club. When these occasions arrived, each member of the Glee Club was proud to have participated in them.

Thus ended a year of hard work but also a year of tremendous enjoyment for the music students of D. H. S.



RAVELINGS STAFF

First Row: Marjorie Schnepf, Kathryn Yager, Joan Cowens, Alice Owens, Irene Brooks, Peggy McAlhany, Ardella Miller, Betty Werst, Lois Baughman.

Second Row: Richard Abbott, Howard Foreman, Thomas Lutz, Robert Mutschler, Keith Hammond, Orin Crider, John Spahr.

THIS IS THE WAR EDITION

May we present ourselves to you students of Decatur High School, or perhaps we need no introduction; perhaps you know us already; no doubt you've seen us scurrying around the building, busy at our various jobs (when Mr. Anderson is standing over us with a club in one hand and a whip in the other). Yes, we're the Ravelings Staff of 1943.

When the staff had its first meeting early last fall, there was much discussion as to whether or not we should attempt to publish an annual this year. We were all very much aware of the war situation and were more or less afraid of the many conflicts it would bring if we printed a year book this year; but after talking the matter over among ourselves and with our advisor, Mr. Anderson, and the financial guide, Miss Worthman,—both old hands at the year book game—we decided to make the best of the situation and publish the Ravelings, if at all possible. It did prove to be quite a difficult undertaking, and by the close of the school term we were all ready to close shop and take a much needed rest.

We, as a staff, realize that without the backing and assistance of you, fellow students, it would have been impossible to create this book. We wish to express our sincere appreciation for your help in the writing and financing of the annual. When we needed an extra typist, Betty Hakes, although she

wasn't a member of the staff, volunteered her services; when we needed pictures, Brice Breiner was ready to take pictures or to help the staff snapshot editors in any way that he could. We want to thank them for their cooperation and for their services rendered. We extend a statement of gratitude to all you students who contributed to this book by writing the necessary material which was compiled in the Ravelings of 1943. A vote of thanks also to Mr. Mumma who acted as proofreader for the write-ups.

This is your book and this is your staff of 1943:

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